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My Autobiography and Reminiscences. By W. P. Frith, R.A. 2 vols. (Bentley & Son.)

It is not often that the reading public has an opportunity of learning so much of the career of a successful artist as in the work of which the title is given above. Mr. Frith has taken his readers into his confidence, and has related without concealment or affectation the story of his professional life from its commencement up to almost the present day. Though he asserts that he is "ignorant of the principles of literary composition," he has managed to produce two highly amusing volumes, which contain some valuable information and a variety of anecdotes, most of which will be new to the majority of readers. Only in one instance do we meet with a very ancient friend, and that is when Mr. Frith relates the anecdote of the Scotch minister's sermon on Jonah and the whale, and gravely declares he had never heard it before.

Mr. Frith's father was the landlord of a large rambling old inn called the Dragon, which was revisited by the artist more than half a century later, when he found the place in ruins:—

"My father's hotel, the Dragon, instead of being, as I remember it, filled with health and pleasure-seekers, gay with all the gaiety of a fashionable watering-place, was deserted by all but a caretaker, closed as an inn, windows broken, and desolate. I was allowed to go over it, in the charge of a slipshod girl. I revisited the little room in which my supposed genius first saw the light. It was unaltered, though more than half a century had passed since I made the terrible drawing of a dog that astonished the world—of Harrogate. On several of the window-panes, at the back of the house, were names of visitors, diamond-scratched, and dated a century and more ago. There were my own and my brothers', in childish writing."

"The terrible drawing of a dog" referred to in this quotation was the artist's first attempt at drawing, of which he gives us the following history:—

"As nearly as I can remember, it was on a winter's evening in 1830, when I was sitting idly looking over some of my father's engravings—having previously obeyed an order from my mother to wash my hands, as those members in their normal condition were justly considered to be unfit to touch those precious prints—that I asked for a penoil and paper, and tried to copy an engraving of a dog. What impelled me

to the deed which actually determined my future life I cannot tell. If I might guess at the motive, I think it was merely that I thought it would afford me a chance of sitting up later than the hour of the children's bedtime—rigorously fixed at nine o'clock—as it did, for I was allowed to finish my wonderful production there and then. If I have a doubt as to what prompted me to my first work, I have none whatever as to what induced me to undertake the second. I received 6d. for the dog, with a promise of a similar reward for another effort."

These early efforts convinced the boy's parents that he was destined to be a great artist, and it was resolved to take him to London to make his fortune. On a foggy morning in March, 1835, young Frith, accompanied by his father and a folio of his "precious drawings," was set down by the mail coach at the Saracen's Head on Snow Hill, where Johnson used once to dine with Mrs. Gardiner, the wife of a tallow chandler; and where, in earlier days, Van Dyck, looking into a dealer's shop, was struck with some pictures painted by a young artist called William Dobson. From Snow Hill the travellers were conveyed in a lumbering hackney coach to the house of Mr. Scaife, the lad's uncle, who kept an hotel in Brook Street, Grosvenor Square. Mr. Scaife had no high opinion of artists :-

"'R.A., sir,' said my uncle. 'Why, they 're as poor as rate, the lot of 'em. I know for a fact that —,' naming one of the most eminent animal-painters that ever lived, 'never paid for a dead swan, or a deer, or something, that he got from that place in the New Road; and what is more, he lodged for six weeks with a cousin of my 'ead waiter, and ran away without paying a farthing. And that 's the kind of thing you 're going to bring your son 'pt to!'"

It was finally arranged to send the boy to the school of art kept by Mr. Sass, then well known as an excellent teacher. In his house Mr. Frith occasionally met some of the great contemporary artists. We read of one "memorable dinner" where

"the guests were Eastlake, Constable, Wilkie, Etty—Chantrey, I think—and others whom I forget......Wilkie talked a great deal, but quite over my head; and upon the conversation turning upon how far ignorant opinion was valuable on pictures, Constable maintained that it was worthless, as he believed was Molière's housekeeper's judgment on literary work. To illustrate his opinion he gave the following example:

A nobleman (whose name I forget) had commissioned Constable to paint a landscape of a beautiful part of the country surrounding a certain castle, the seat of the noble lord. The picture was to be both a landscape and a portrait of the castle, and a large summer-house was allotted as a studio for the painter, who made many studies, and indeed painted one or two pic-tures from adjacent scenery. The walls of the summer-house had been newly covered with a gorgeous paper representing flowers, trees, rocks, &c. On this wall hung an empty gold frame, and Constable declared that the gardener, whose opinion he had asked upon his work generally, after making a variety of idiotic remarks, said looking at the empty frame hanging on the wall —through which the wall-paper appeared as a picture—'That's a lovely pictur', sir; that's more finished, that is; more what I like.'"

After some time under Mr. Sass's tuition, and having passed through the Academy schools, Mr. Frith began practising in what he still thinks to be the right way for a beginner, viz., painting any one whom he could persuade to sit, and to his great delight he got on one occasion 51. for a por-

trait. His first Academy picture, 'Malvolio cross-gartered before the Countess Olivia,' was exhibited in 1840, and the news of its acceptance was conveyed in a pencil note from Williamson, the Academy porter: "Sir, you are hung safte." But the artist's delight was rather diminished when he saw his bright picture looking on the Academy wall as if ink had been rubbed all over it. "To the uninitiated," he writes,

"it would be impossible to conceive the change that appears to come over a picture when surrounded by others in a public exhibition, and subject to the glare of unaccustomed lights and the glitter of gold frames, with the ruinous reflections from all sides."

Mr. Frith soon began to make pleasant acquaintances, and he was especially delighted at receiving a visit from Charles Dickens, who came to request him to paint two little companion pictures of Dolly Varden and Kate Nickleby. A cheque for 40*l*. was paid for the two works, which were sold, after Dickens's death, for thirteen hundred guineas. The friendship soon ripened into intimacy, and one of the many portraits of the great novelist was painted by Mr. Frith. Of one begun, but not finished, by an eminent Academician, a curious story is told. Frith asked Dickens the cause of this delay:—

"'Well, the truth is,' said Dickens, 'I sat a great many times. At first the picture bore a strong resemblance to Ben Caunt' (a prize-fighter of that day); 'then it changed into some-body else; and at last I thought it was time to give it up, for I had sat there and looked at the thing till I felt I was growing like it.'"

Mr. Frith was never intimate with Thackeray, by whom he was rather roughly attacked on the occasion of their first meeting. There may, however, have been other reasons for this want of sympathy. Thackeray was at that time art critic in Fraser, and was particularly severe on the artists who, in imitation of Maclise, were always selecting subjects from 'Gil Blas' and 'The Vicar of Wakefield.' "He declined," Mr. Frith tells us,

"to give the names of either 'Gil Blas' or the 'Vicar' in full, but always wrote of the latter as the 'V—r of W—d,' and warned us that if our servile conduct was persevered in, he would never look at pictures of either of those distinguished individuals, much less write about them."

An artist who has painted so many subject pictures as Mr. Frith must necessarily have a great experience in models, and many stories are told about these troublesome, but indispensable creatures. The following conversation between two students in the Antique School of the Academy was once overheard by the artist:—

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"'Who did you get to sit for Nell Gwynne in your picture of Charles II. and that lady?'

Miss Truman,' said his friend. 'You know her? Sits in the Life. A doosid good model.' 'Yes, I know her,' said the questioner. 'Thought you'd had her. More like her than Nell Gwynne, ain't it? And the king, who sat for him?' 'Oh!' was the reply, in a rather conceited tone, 'I did him from nothing.' 'And you've made him very like,' said the candid friend."

Mr. Frith tells us that he has undergone much tribulation in his searches for models, but he appears to have been on the whole extremely fortunate. For instance, in painting the 'Derby Day' the artist received

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considerable assistance in procuring models from Mr. Jacob Bell, the owner of the picture:—

"Few people have a more extensive acquaintance, especially amongst the female sex, than that possessed by Jacob Bell; and what seemed singular was the remarkable prettiness that distinguished nearly all these pleasant friends. I had but to name the points required and an example was produced. 'What is it to be this time?' he would say. 'Fair or dark, long nose or short nose, Roman or aquiline, tall figure or small? Give your orders.' The order was given, and obeyed in a manner that perfectly astonished me. I owe every female figure in the 'Derby Day,' except two or three, to the foraging of my employer. 'What kind of person do you want for that young woman with the purse in her hand, listening to that spooney fellow—lover, I suppose?' 'I should like a tall fair woman. Handsome, of course,' I replied. 'All right. I know the very thing. Been to the Olympic lately?' 'No.' 'Well, go and see Miss H——. I don't know her. Hear she is charming in all ways. Sure she will sit. You go and see her. I'll manage the rest.'"

The services of Miss H—— were secured, but she was eventually the cause of much anxiety to the artist. She was undeniably handsome; she sat admirably; but all attempts to reproduce her charms on canvas failed miserably, and the figure was at length erased and some one else substituted in her place. Miss H—— was furious and would listen to no explanation. Miss Gilbert (celebrated in those days for her beauty and her skill as a horsewoman), to whom the artist told his embarrassment on the subject, said that, in Miss H——'s place, she would have put her parasol through the picture, and "serve you right." Those who are anxious to know how the actress's wrath was propitiated must read the story for themselves yol in 280

themselves, vol. i. p. 280.

One of Mr. Frith's most beautiful models was a Mrs. Rose, who sat to him for the picture to illustrate Moore's song 'Holy Eyes.' This "vision of exquisite loveli-

ness" is described as "tall and of a perfect figure. Her features recalled the most beautiful of the antique statues; the statuesque perfection of her form was inspired by an expression I could not paint, and cannot describe beyond saying that it was like that we find in the angels of Botticellipurity and holiness combined; and if, as I for one believe, the face is the index of the mind, then that mind should have been one that no mean, sordid, or sensual thought could enter.' This unhappy lady took to drinking, and at last, in the unbearable anguish of shame, put an end to her own life. An interesting character was a man called Ennis, who was about eighty years of age when he first sat to the artist in 1838. He remembered the Gordon Riots, and in his early youth he had been employed by a deaf artist, who used a trumpet. ("Gracious goodness, could it be Reynolds?" writes Mr. Frith enthusiastically.) In his old age his chief means of support was in selling apples, and he insisted that artists should not only pay him for sitting, but also buy some of his fruit. One painter, indeed, Mr. Douglas Cowper, made himself ill with the oranges and apples which he bought to please the old man. One day on his way home from "Common Garden," Ennis put down his basket, and said to his great-granddaughter, "My lass, I'm struck with death." He managed to crawl home, but was dead in a few hours.

We must quote one excellent story, which, though we have often heard it, we have never seen in print, of a meeting between Sir John (then Mr.) Millais and a former fellow student named Potherd. Although Mr. Frith does not mention the fact, we believe that Potherd had in the old student days run Sir John Millais pretty close for a prize. The meeting took place in Camden Town, and Millais, already of world-wide reputation, made himself known to his old comrade:—

"'I am Millais,' said the painter. 'Don't you remember me at the Academy?' 'Not little Johnny Millais, surely?' exclaimed Potherd. 'Why, how you have grown!' 'Well, Potherd, I am very glad to see you again. How are you getting on?' 'Oh, middling. I don't find it a very good business. I teach a little, and do a portrait now and then when I can get anybody to sit. And you? Judging from your appearance, I should say you had given the arts the go-by. What do you do for a living?''"

We should be glad to quote more of Mr. Frith's anecdotes, but our space is limited, and we have said enough to show that the work should be read; but without wishing to appear ungrateful it is difficult to avoid remarking how much more Mr. Frith might have told if the work was not to appear till a century hence.

The writer of an autobiography is always hampered by the fear of offending sus-ceptibilities, and Mr. Frith is too amiable to give pain to any one. We hear a great deal in these volumes of Frank Stone, Elmore, Egg, Edwin Landseer, Mulready, and other Academicians now no longer living; but of contemporary painters we learn little or nothing. Some of the most eminent are not even named. This is undeniably discreet. Yet the author might, without giving offence to any one, have told us something more of his distinguished colleagues. And even of those who have passed away we should like to hear something further. The author alludes to Mr. Munro, of Novar, a most original character, and the hero of several of Edwin Landseer's best stories, many of which Mr. Frith must have heard; but beyond a mere mention of his name we learn nothing of this eccentric amateur. Are all Charles Leslie's stories of old Solomon Hart forgotten? Are no traditions or anecdotes preserved by the older Academicians of Dan Maclise, one of the most genial of humourists, whose conversation sparkled with wit and imagination? We have too few of them in this volume, but perhaps Mr. Frith intends some day to give the world some further reminiscences.

We may conclude this review with an exceedingly amusing story of a portrait of the author, painted by himself, which he purchased five-and-forty years after it had been painted. The artist had no recollection of parting with the portrait, which was discovered in a dingy shop in Great Portland Street

""That,' said the lady [of the shop], 'is a portrait of the celebrated artist, Frith, painted by himself.' Frith,' said I, 'why, he must be quite an elderly man.' 'Well, sir, but he was young once; and that's what he was when he was young.' 'Hum, ha!' said I, pretending to examine the picture. 'Not much of a picture.' 'I beg your pardon; judges think it a very fine picture.' 'Well, what is the price?' 'Twenty pounds.' 'Surely that is a stiff price?' said I.

'Well,' said the woman, 'it cost us nearly as much; we shall make a very small profit. You see, it is very valuable, because the artist is diseased.' 'Decased,' I exclaimed. 'Dead, do you mean?' 'Yes, sir. Died of drink.' 'Surely,' I exclaimed, 'you have made a mistake!' 'About the drink? Oh no, sir; most artists is very dissipated. He was dreadful, Frith was. I daresay you have seen the print called "The Railway Station." Well, my husband used to see him when he was doing of it, always more or less in liquor. My husband wondered how he could do his work; but it wore him out at last—the drink did.' 'Why,' said I, 'how can that be, when I tell you a friend of mine saw him the other day?' 'Not Frith your friend didn't. How could he? when he's dead and buried, as I well know, for my husband attended his funeral!'"

The picture was purchased by Mr. Frith at the price demanded, but the artist informs us that he did not think it worth while to tell the woman that he was only once drunk in his life, and that he was still alive and well. We may add that Mr. Frith's friends and readers hope that he may long remain so.

Hortus Inclusus: Messages from the Wood to the Garden. Sent in Happy Days to the Ladies of the Thwaite, Coniston, by their Thankful Friend John Ruskin. Selected and arranged by Albert Fleming. (Orpington, Allen.)

MR. RUSKIN has a public of his own, and to these his new volume will no doubt be welcome, for in the eyes of his worshipper the hero remains impeccable. Whatever he does is well done; whatever he says is well said; it is impossible for him to lapse, so that to the mind bemused with contemplation his worst work has an equal value with his best, and his vilest faults seem venerable as his noblest merits. Of enthusiasts of this type the world, it has been said, is fuller now than ever. Culture has endowed the fool with a sort of mind, and has given him a voice and a dialect in which to confess his folly. He is emancipated, in a word; and as his name is Legion, he is able to enjoy himself in his own way without hindrance or reproof. It is apparently to him that 'Hortus Inclusus'-as Mr. Albert Fleming is moved to call his selection from the letters addressed by Mr. Ruskin to the two Miss Beevers-is addressed; and there is little hope that the volume will not reach its destination. When it does there can hardly fail to be great joy in his household, for 'Hortus Inclusus' is exactly the kind of work to which his nature responds most readily, and in which his understanding-such as it is-is best at home. To him, it would seem, there is something engaging and delightful in the spectacle of an elderly gentleman "making believe" to an elderly lady that he and she are both young children, or that he is a grave and reverend personage, and she a pet in short frocks and coloured sash; addressing her in the prattle of tender infancy; sending her specimens, or drawings, or copies of his works, with messages of the kind reserved for gifts of plum cakes and skipping-ropes; and comporting himself generally as if he and his correspondent were a couple of "Kate Greenaways," or a modern imitation of the Babes in the Wood. The inference is

singularly unpleasant, but that it is founded on fact this book is here to prove. If the hero-worshipper (to call him by his other name) had any remnants of wisdom about him, these privacies could never have been

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The fault, it appears, is altogether that of "my Master of the Rural Industries," in other words, is altogether Mr. Albert Fleming's. Often, says he, has he urged his "dear friend," Miss Susan Beever, "to open to the larger world the pleasant paths of this her Garden Enclosed"; and it was "with no small feeling of satisfaction"—the emotion is one which every hero-worshipper will understand and respect — that he "drove home from the Thwaite one day in February last with a parcel containing nearly two thousand" of Mr. Ruskin's "treasured letters." These, he goes on to say, are "the fruit of the most beautiful friendship I have ever been permitted to witness"-a friendship, indeed, "so unique in some aspects of it, so sacred in all," that he "may only give it the praise of silence." Apparently, however, the praise of silence is insufficient after all, for we are informed that the editor counts himself "happy to have been allowed to throw open to all wise and quiet souls" -by which, it is assumed, we are to understand the variety of hero-worshipper that is specially interested in Mr. Ruskin—"the portals of this Armida's garden, where there are no spells save those woven by love, and no magic save that of grace and kindli-"Now, Susie, mind," the hero-worshipper; and "Now, Susie, mind," the hero warbles, "though you're only eight years old, you must try to fancy you're ten or eleven, and attend to what I say." Is this the magic of grace and kindliness, or is it a specimen of the spells that are woven by love? "Poor little Susie," says Armida, in another corner of the Garden, "it shan't have any more nasty messages to carry"; and we have no choice but to infer that Armida's public a public of hero-worshippers, no doubtis subdued to ecstasy by the incantation. Then says our Archimage again: "We've all been counting and considering how old you can possibly be to-day, and have made up our minds that you are really thirteen, and must begin to be serious." There have been hints, he goes on to say, of sending his Susie to school, but of these he has taken no notice: "hoping that you will really at last make up your mind to do your lessons at home, like a dear good little girl as you are." And that the illusion may be complete and the souls of a million heroworshippers (as represented by "my Master of the Rural Industries") may be made glad, he proceeds to announce that "because to-day you enter into your 'teens' I have sent you a crystal, and a little bit of native gold, and a little bit of native silver." Why not a fine new hoop stick, and a packet of the nicest sweeties, and all the rest of it? That is the way one's hero writes to his friends when, as he confesses, he "never much cares to flirt with any but little girls." "Me's so wicked," he exclaims on another occasion, in character as always, "I don't know where to begin"; and one is glad to think that of this sort of thing it is possible for even little girls to have too much. Perhaps it is because his correspondents are of tender years, and not well up in the niceties of

French grammar, that he condescends to talk to them of a "chaperone" and a "chaise à porteur," and discourses sentimentally of the meaning of such common phrases as "la mort dans l'âme." Be this as it may, he is incorrigibly infantile throughout; and is so ready with these airs of innocencethis friendship in frocks and drawers, so to speak-that in no great while one is almost ashamed to go on. It is as though one were peeping where one had no business to be, and might at any moment be caught in the act. On such an intimacy even a Master of the Rural Industries might blush to intrude; and its effect upon the ordinary reader is

not easily told. The truth is, these letters were written to be read by the ladies to whom they were addressed, and it is a breach of good manners to make them public. Mr. Ruskin is a writer of genius, and as it amuses him to talk nonsense he may do so where and when he pleases. But there is nonsense and nonsense; and Mr. Ruskin talking nonsense to the public is a different thing from Mr. Ruskin twaddling to his friends at the Thwaite. This Mr. Fleming has failed to perceive; and we cannot but conclude him to be lacking in that "tact of the heart" which is the distinguishing sign of true friend-ship, as well as in that "discretion in enthusiasm" which is the mark of right and worthy admiration. When the hero is busily engaged in being absurd, it is the function of the good worshipper not to look on with tears of rapture and the loudest plaudits he can command-not, in a word, to repeat, in however reverent a mood, the mistake of Ham, the son of Noah-but to make the best of a bad business, and say as little as he can about it. Mr. Ruskin's letters were, no doubt, delightful to their recipients; they are a trifle disconcerting (let us say) to those outside the pale, and they had much better have been left in that intimate and pleasant obscurity for which they were produced. Here and there they show the writer in his most wrong-headed and perverse mood-as when he is found noting, with all solemnity, the fact that "the form of decline" which attends "on mental power of Tennyson's passionately sensual character is always of seeing ugly things, a kind of delirium tremens"; as when, a propos of Pompeian art, he calls upon his correspondent to "fancy the feverish wretchedness of the humanity which, in mere pursuit of pleasure or power, had reduced itself to see no more than eleven eyes in a peacock's tail." Now and then he is wise, and occasionally he says those beautiful things of which he has the secret. But the general impression produced by his letters to Miss Beever and her sister is one of something not very different from silliness; they contrast unfavourably enough with some of Miss Susan's own, which—"inserted here by the express wish of Mr. Ruskin," and addressed as "Susie's Letters"—are distinguished by a pleasant simplicity of feeling and expression; they make us grateful (after all!) to "my Master of the Rural Industries," who, with some thousands of them in hand, has given us only

Letters from Crete. By Charles Edwardes. (Bentley & Son.)

THESE letters from Crete are exceedingly pleasant to read, but contain very little information. It could not be otherwise when the author dropped from the skies on a spot like Crete without interpreter and without any knowledge of the languages there spoken, except what he himself admits to be "poor French" and similar Italian. However, he bravely took an empty house in a suburb of Canea, which he proceeded to furnish on the sign system :-

"I simulated lying on the counter when I wanted a mattress, put my cheek in my hand for a pillow, and tucked the shopman's coat up to my neck to symbolize counterpane, blankets,

In this house he spent most of his time in Crete, wandering around and making decidedly intelligent remarks on what he saw; yet the most brilliant passages of his letters relate the things he tried to say and hear, but could not.

To his acquaintance with the governor's secretary and his library the reader is indebted for many sketches of the miseries of Crete under her Venetian and Turkish

despots.

"This gentleman's library is, I believe, the choicest in the island for its Cretan works. He placed his books at my disposal, and I did not hesitate to carry an armful of them away with me. The British Museum is less rich by far in Cretan authorities, and I have now by my side the histories and records of Cornelius Cornaro, Valiero, Sieber, and others, as well as the English works of Pashley, Spratt, Stillman, and Skinner, so that it will be odd if I am not able to give you a fair summary of the latter days of this poor harassed island in one or other of my

And from these works Mr. Edwardes gives several interesting details concerning the monasteries of Crete, their former wealth and the present depreciation in their incomes, their perpetual struggles against the Turks, side by side with certain humorous notes of his own on their home life, such as the extravagant kindness bestowed by a monk on a cock, whilst a hen, as a representative of the female sex, was chased away with savage cruelty from the door. But it is a pity that Mr. Edwardes insists on calling the "calovers" "needy men who consign themselves to the monastery as an Englishman would enter a workhouse," since all the monks in every convent are καλόγεροι: ο m the superior down to the most impecunious working monk.

Mr. Edwardes made an excursion to Kis-

samos, and from there visited a few of the villages and ruins in its vicinity, and his descriptions of scenery, pretty Cretan maidens, costumes, and ancient ruins are excellent as word pictures. Of Polyrrhenia he writes:

"It is a place to inspire an elegy, the downfall is so unequivocal, and yet the marks of past power are so strongly set.....On the top for a time I lay prone upon one of these walls, and looked at the brake of vegetation about the stones, at the horizon of rough, dark mountain peaks one upon another—south, east, and west, and thought that not Baalbec itself could be more impressively eloquent of the romantic dead past, which has nothing—absolutely nothing—in common with a century of jerry-built houses, steam, electricity, and dynamite."

Of word pictures Mr. Edwardes's book is full. Never a grand view strikes his eye with-

out a clear, vigorous sketch of it being entered in his note-book; and this forms the chief value of the volume before us. Those who search for pictures of the inner Cretan life, of the primeval customs which still rule supremeamong the mountain villagers, of the influences which have been at work to render them the most revolutionary of Turkish subjects, will search in vain; for Mr. Edwardes spent nearly all his time amongst the hybrid inhabitants of the coast towns, who are neither Turks, nor Greeks, nor Italians, but a mixture of all three. Mr. Edwardes's description of a certain mongrel cur he adopted in Canea would do just as well for a description of the inhabitants of that town:—

"He is debased by a long, long line of unchivalrous and hard-used ancestry, so that he has no option but to look like the pitiful, fearful little composite of savage qualities that

The Sphakiote, on the contrary, the counterpart of our Scotch Highlander, is the only Cretan of to-day worthy of study; his is the purest of all the Cretan races; he has preserved jealous clanship, exclusive habits and manners, and a dialect with a distinct trace of Doric peculiarities. Here the customs in every-day life in connexion with births, weddings, and burials are replete with parallels to the old classic days; but unfortunately Mr. Edwardes never went amongst the Sphakiotes, and consequently has nothing to tell about them. M. Perrot, in an article in the Revue des Deux Mondes, shows what stuff the Sphakiotes are made of in relating certain episodes in connexion with the revolution of 1866-69; and it is to be hoped that Mr. Edwardes, if he again visits Crete, will leave the mongrel men and mongrel curs of Canea, and will plunge into the mountain villages, where he will find far more worthy subjects for his pen.

Historical Introduction to the Private Law of Rome. By James Muirhead, LL.D. (Edinburgh, Black.)

PROF. MUIRHEAD says in a prefatory note that his pages were written originally for the 'Encyclopædia Britannica,' but have been published separately because they had to be much abridged for insertion in that work. The treatise as it appears before us goes far beyond the limits of a mere article, forming a volume of substantial dimensions, although it stops at Justinian, and gives no details of the descent of Roman law in the East or of its revival and gradual spread in modern Europe. It is true that there is some allusion to Irnerius and his Bologna school and to one or two compilations made very early in France; but Vacarius and his ephemeral Oxford school are ignored, and the more important subjects of the reception of Roman law in Germany and in modern France are similarly slighted. In a word, the post-Justinian legal history, which forms a substantial element in the which forms a substantial works of some other writers, is here compressed into half a dozen pages. What then? There is the more room for Roman law proper, the law of the Romans them-selves, and this, which is after all the legitimate subject of such a work, is treated with considerable wealth of detail.

The epochs into which Prof. Muirhead divides his history are: 1. The Regal Period;

2. The Jus Civile (from the establishment of the Republic till the subjugation of Central and Southern Italy); 3. The Jus Gentium and Jus Honorarium (latter half of the Republie); 4. The Jus Naturale and Maturity of Roman Jurisprudence (the Empire until the time of Diocletian); 5. The Period of Codification (Diocletian to Justinian). We have no fault to find with this selection of periods, which, though different from that of other writers, is probably as convenient as any. But we must take exception to some of the titles as being likely to mislead those who have not studied the subject before-in other words, the very persons for whose use the book must be presumed to be intended. The juxtaposition of the jus civile with the definition of time placed after it must clearly indicate, according to the ordinary meaning of words that the civil law of Rome lasted only during that time, and was then superseded by something else. That something else is shown, as we go on, to have been the jus gentium and jus honorarium, supplanted in their turn by the jus naturale, which last had to give way to the Codes in the time of Diocletian. Thus, if we are to judge from Prof. Muirhead's titles, we must believe that there was no jus of any of the kinds above mentioned after the time of Diocletian, and that the famous jus civile, which is held to have leavened almost all the modern systems of Europe, must have ceased to exist about the time of the first Punic War. Of course Mr. Muirhead does not mean this; but it is not easy to say exactly what he does mean. He gives an interesting account of the manner in which, with the growth of commerce and the consequent influx of strangers, the jus gentium gradually arose after the first Punic War, the jus civile not being applicable as a rule to foreigners; but he makes very little attempt to show how far, if at all, the former interfered with or influenced the general operation of the latter. The nature of the jus honorarium he does not appear to explain; the reader may gather incidentally that it arose from the edicts of the prætors, but even this is not, we think, formally asserted in its proper place; and the reader must certainly go elsewhere if he wishes to find out whether the jurisdiction of the prætors impaired the authority or contracted the sphere of operation of the jus civile. The same observations, mutatis mutandis, hold good in passing from any other title to that which immediately succeeds it. It is as if, in ordinary history, the reader were carried on to each fresh reign without being informed of the death of the preceding sovereign, but with this difference, that in the supposed case several dead kings would appear to be still living, while from Prof. Muirhead's classification several living systems appear from time to time to have died.

Nor is it only in the matters above mentioned that a certain looseness of treatment disappoints the reader who hopes, from what is undoubtedly a work of considerable research, to be able to formulate definite conclusions as he proceeds. This looseness exhibits itself in various ways. A mere theory is sometimes assumed to represent an ascertained fact, as in the case of Fried. Bluhme's ingenious hypothesis with respect to the disorderly order (so to speak) of the extracts in Justinian's 'Digest,' of which some

account is given in Mr. Roby's 'Introduction' to the study of that work. Bluhme's picture of the three committees, severally handing in their numerous groups of extracts from particular authors assigned to them, is, of course, purely speculative; it is of little consequence to anybody whether it is cor-rect or not; but, being a mere matter of conjecture, it should not, we think, be treated as a discovery. The alleged distinctions between the concilium plebis and the comitia tributa are hazily described (Ortolan treats them as the same assembly with different names at different periods), and an erroneous rendering of a passage in Gaius relating to the Lex Hortensia adds to the confusion, and tends to obscure the very change in the constitution which the author desires to make evident. The reference to Gaius is not given, but the passage is, in fact, taken from Gai. i. § 3, and runs thus: "qua cautum est ut plebiscita universum populum tenerent; itaque eo modo legibus exequata sunt." The meaning of this is clear enough: a plebiscitum, or enactment of the plebs, was thenceforward to have the same force as a lex, or enactment of the populus. This vast reform was won (so Pliny tells us) by a third retreat of the plebeians to the Janiculum. Its importance can scarcely be overrated; but Prof. Muirhead fritters away the sense of the passage by putting "with comitial enactments" for legibus in his translation. In this we imagine that he goes astray not from want of knowledge, but from want of care. He has a conception of the two assemblies with which the words conveniently fit in, and he is inaccurate almost unconsciously. So elsewhere he tells us that "in India, as it was sons alone that could perpetuate a family, daughters had no right of succession." The words "India" and "had" are vague. It is to Hindu law, no doubt, that he refers, for to Mohammedan or Anglo-Indian law the statement can have no sort of application. Even as to Hindu law it is only partially true, for daughters, according to that law, are preferred to all more distant relations, only the sons and the wife having precedence of them. Possibly in this instance Prof. Muirhead does not mean quite so much as he says, but, unfortunately, he gives a reason which seems intended to cover the whole ground. Some parts of the work (especially during the Regal Period) are made up in a great measure of supposition, and such phrases as "doubtless accompanied," "they seem to have set," "must have belonged," "there can be little doubt," "it is but reasonable to assume," "it seems rather to have been intended," "it may possiblyhave expressly authorized," "can hardly have been without influence," are of frequent occurrence. Scotticisms are met with occasionally, and the Southern mind has to wrestle with such unwonted phrases as "theftuously incorporated," "condescend upon," "regulatives"; but these are blemishes of a trifling kind, if they are blemishes at all; the author's general style is perfectly pure and good.

If it be asked whether, after finding a good

many faults, we have anything favourable to say of the book before us, we may frankly answer "Yes." We gather from it that Prof. Muirhead has studied widely and

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deeply, and knows his subject well: the book contains a vast amount of information, and with himself at hand to explain and sometimes modify his statements, it may prove valuable to students of Roman legal history. If this be so, it may also be useful in the hands of other professors, though we should hesitate to place it before an unaided student. The controversial portions (e.g., that relating to the vexed question whether, under the Twelve Tables, creditors might cut up their debtor and divide him among them) are learnedly and judiciously written. The index, though leaving much to be desired (we miss such important words and expressions as curia, jus honorarium, comitia centuriata, &c.), is a great improvement on the bald string of words usually found at the end of a book on Roman law. We are indebted to Prof. Muirhead for the information that, in the palmy days of Roman divorce, a happy couple consisted on one occasion of a bridegroom previously married twenty, and a bride previously married twenty-two, times. Islam itself, we believe, shows no such phenomenon as this, though a Mohammedan husband may pronounce a divorce at pleasure. The only parallel may be found, perhaps, in some fortunate Transatlantic states, where, it is said, little children walking with their mother may be heard ever and anon to exclaim, "Oh, mamma, there's the gentleman that was papa last year."

NOVELS OF THE WEEK.

Poor Nellie. By the Author of 'My Trivial Life and Misfortune.' 3 vols. (Blackwood & Sons.)

The Missing Rubies. By Sarah Doudney.

3 vols. (Bentley & Son.)

Can It be True? By Francis Henry Cliffe.

2 vols. (Remington & Co.) A Modern Magician. By J. Fitzgerald Molloy. (Ward & Downey.)

In the Shires. By Sir Randal Roberts, Bart.

(White & Co.)
St. Bernard's: the Romance of a Medical Student. By Æsculapius Scalpel. (Sonnenschein & Co.)

The Idiot. By Fedor Dostoieffsky. Translated from the Russian by F. Whishaw.

(Vizetelly & Co.)

A Professor of Alchemy. By Percy Ross. (Redway.)

WHEN a first book has made anything like a mark the next from the same hand is awaited with some anxiety, it is so apt to prove a disappointment, and engender apathy towards its successors. But 'Poor Nellie, though it follows on a work so vigorous and fresh as 'My Trivial Life,' has in it the wherewithal to make its readers go on asking for more; and this in spite of the painful, and even distressing, character of its leading idea and the poignancy with which that leading idea is wrought out. It proves to admiration that the author has a vast deal to come and go upon, and that we may still look to be led by her to new horizons and fresh surprises. The line of thought, the general method, are those we know, and the class of people presented is more or less the same as in the earlier work. But 'Poor Nellie' is superior in strength of purpose and in breadth and reach of insight, and in some other ways is decidedly the better book.

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In a story of match-making and matchbreaking sketches of worldly people are, of course, a principal ingredient. For the greater part of the first two volumes the tale except for a sudden death by drowningruns on placidly enough, and in these the principal figure is Clara Newsham, the heroine's mother. There is much dissection and analysis of this lady's motives; but throughout she seems to be rather typical than individual-less a creation than a structure. More than that, her voice and speech are not altogether original; she is sometimes, as it were, a congeries of echoes. Of course, all this to the contrary, she has her good points, for she comes of the same stock as the pretty and heartless women in 'My Trivial Life and Misfortune.' She is one of the crowning triumphs of civilization—an hereditarily ruthless worldling, with all the saintly beauty of a Madonna—a Madonna, says the author, "who has had the Dowager Lady Rockhurst for a grandmother." From her babyhood, when a bishop had made "a small fuss over her," success and she have gone hand in hand, and, as we shall see, at the crisis of her fate she is strong enough to maintain the partnership. Her husband, Thomas Newsham ("an exceptional circumstance," as her own mother calls him after arranging the match), is not so well conceived; he is something of a caricature, and not a very good one either. On the other hand, the old admiral, whose son marries Nellie, is a beautiful character, though in him too, as in Clara, one feels the touch of a familiar something, which may be a reminiscence of Colonel Newcome. The younger people grouped about the land-scape are natural enough, but with a kind of naturalness too directly rendered from real life, and so failing somewhat of due effect. They are, besides, so dreadfully tame and docile, in spite of their reprehensible use of the "quite" and "altogether" jargon (in which the author herself sometimes joins), that, as in real life, they occasionally provoke one to impatience. Moreover, Mrs. Newsham's paltry scheming gets a little tiresome; in these post-Thackerayan times it is not difficult to get a surfeit of meanness, and of this our author does not seem to be aware. In 'Poor Nellie,' in fact, the qualities that distinguished 'My Trivial Life' are less brilliantly conspicuous than might have been expected. As a whole the book is scarcely so bright and spontaneous—is scarcely so "chatty" and assured. We hasten to add that it contains a world of thoughts and sayings about little things which are so full of truth and sparkle that one can only wonder they have never got said before; and that, if it is somewhat lacking in freshness, it has a completeness and a power to which its predecessor, excellent as it was, could lay no claim. It is only towards the end that the author's reserve force is used. Then at once it makes itself felt, and that with a rush and a directness that are irresistible. That prosaic and terrible tragedy which common life may contain is touched in a fashion nothing less than masterly. A double murder and an attempt at suicide under horrible circumstances are depicted with a quiet sobriety of manner which increases the feeling of reality, and which in fiction is as convincing as it is rare. The tragic and the prosaic

are combined with quite uncommon force and to extraordinary purpose. The state-ment is affecting, as though it were a personal experience; and the writer's hold upon truth is maintained with none of the "realistic" air and touch which one has learnt to dread. From the beginning her heroine is disengaged from her surroundings by a series of quiet strokes that suggest a nameless and dreadful destiny. Nothing is insisted upon except her clinging tenderness and her excessive timidity. She is always faint and shadowy, and thus she is suffered to remain till the fires of her self-inflicted torture begin to burn in right earnest. The still vexed question of what is or is not legitimate in art need not here be broached. If we allow that, as some aver, art is "treatment and nothing else," then is our author more than justified. Her material may be improper, but her use of it is beyond reproach. In so-called "scientific" or "medical" details she dabbles but little. We are neither forced to peer into the gradual relaxation and the final ruin of poor Nellie's weak and halting will, nor are we harassed with any of the stock scenes of the common temperance novel. A hint of her fatal appetite is thrown out early in Nellie's story; it is then allowed to disappear and do its work in darkness till it is time for it to re-emerge and assume a definite shape. This discretion, which to some may seem a mistake or want of courage, is soon felt to be a result The earlier stages of this of rare art. "Drunkard's Progress" are avoided; the ugly is not painted for itself; there is no lingering over unpleasant causes; effects are caught and rendered with frightful simplicity. The story is sordid enough, but in the telling it becomes distinguished. The picture is painted with a relentless—one had almost said a lurid—sobriety of touch.

Beatrice Ward experienced the proverbial success of the early bird when she chose the first dawn as the proper time for starting on her railway journey to town from the country home she was permanently leaving. The early worm was still happier, for his life was saved, contrary to all experience, and Beatrice not only dragged him from a suicidal death upon the railway, but thenceforth gave him a new interest in life, with the usual results. Godwin Earle, when we first meet him, is under a cloud: he is suspected by all his relations, his fiancée, every one who has been kind to him and brought him up from childhood, of having stolen the Countess Gradizoff's (so Miss Doudney has it) ruby necklace. The countess (his aunt, and the most disagreeable of her sex) is the widow of a Russian; the jewels, or their prototype, have been annexed by that nobleman in the general confusion attending an unsuccessful Polish outbreak, and it is through the agency of certain refugee Poles and others that the hero's innocence is established in due time. The details and incidents of the discovery are fairly worked out, and the character of the self-sacrificing Gliska, who devotes himself to promote the marriage which disappoints his own hopes, is sufficiently original. There are some indications of hurried writing: Worowski in the first volume becomes Wouriski in the third, which does not inspire confidence in the correctness of the

author's Slavonic nomenclature; to avenge one's country and "to avenge oneself on it" are not precisely the same thing; and "to smile and say you are coming," from a distance, is not a possible substitute for writing

to the same effect.

One perusal has not left in the mind of the reader who now sits down to write a very clear idea as to what particular verity Mr. Cliffe doubts; and neither time nor inclination runs to a second perusal. There is nothing so wildly improbable in the incidents of his story as to make it necessary for him to stand aghast on his title-page at his own conceptions. It may be a flight of fancy to represent a poor parson as advertising for pupils at two hundred and fifty guineas a year, and getting three in the course of a few months. But, on the whole, the story is commonplace enough. It deals with ordinary men and women, and is an epitome of that nation of thirty millions concerning which the late Mr. Carlyle uttered one of the least complimentary of his epigrams. 'Can It be True?' is the work of a crude performer, but it is by no means unreadable.

A modern magician - the magician, not the book-is a modernized deus ex machina, and he is undoubtedly one of the most arbitrary creations of the latter-day romantic school of fetish-makers. Mr. Molloy, who used to write in a happier vein, dedicates his book "to him who in these pages is styled Benoni.....in sign of service"; and he quotes from M. Éliphas Lévi a most

rational dictum :-

"If one should declare the miracles he has wrought or has witnessed the world will declare him mad. Better silence and action.'

Why does Mr. Molloy put sentences on his title-page which he does not mean to observe? M. Lévi bade him do something, and hold his tongue; and here is his disciple doing virtually nothing, but speaking an inordinate deal. There are some very foolish and some very bad people in this story of 'A Modern Magician.' One of the bad ones kills another bad one, and a decently good one is accused of the murder. Then he who is styled Benoni comes to the rescue. Benoni is a servant of Amuni, who lives in Thibet, but projects his "astral form" in a second of time in order to assist his faithful devotee. To make a long story short, Benoni, being appealed to by his friend "Amerton," preaches a sermon about "astral bodies" and "astral ghosts," proceeds to the middle of Wimbledon Common, where he makes incantations and talks bad grammar, raises the "astral corpse" of the murdered man, and learns from him the name of the murderer. It is clear that Mr. Molloy has tried to get more out of the word "astral" than it was made to hold. Astral shape one knows, and astral form; but astral corpse? It would need Rogue Riderhood himself to do justice to "astral corpse."

Sir Randal Roberts writes easily, and on the whole grammatically. He uses the old-fashioned "lay" for "lie" on one occasion, a mode of spelling which arose out of the now-forgotten fact that such pronunciation was universal among gentlemen in duelling days, for the best of all possible reasons. As for the story, it runs very rapidly, and those who like to enjoy "fifty minutes" with the hounds in an arm-chair will probably be satisfied. The heroine is the gentlest of

Amazons, and the villains, Cruvelli and his tempter Kit Dicey, are of the lowest type. In Harry Holbrooke, the squire, we have a good man struggling with adversity, and nobly too, though we think his duty to his sister by no means demanded his sacrifice of his own attachment to Lady Di. The Chessington Hunt is well described, and on the whole the book fulfils its purpose as a sporting novel, occasionally, as in the love scene between Ethel and Lord Somerton, attaining a rather higher level.

There is more of medicine than of romance in 'St. Bernard's,' which is a story with a purpose, written very much in earnest. The author has evidently had experience of the inside of a London hospital, and the account which he gives of his brother pro-fessionals is anything but flattering. It is to be hoped that there is a little exaggeration in his picture, or at any rate a little too much of generalization, for the reader is asked to believe some very hard things about the ways and works of medical stu-dents and medical men. The hero of 'St. Bernard's' is a very superior person from Oxford when he joins the hospital, and he does not take kindly to the life of the lectureroom and dissecting-room. In fact, he turns his back upon them, and "goes about doing good" amongst the gipsies of Gra-Having married a rich wife, he comes home again to London, and sets up a model "General Hospital and Medical School," where he intends to show what the work of a hospital ought to be. There is much that is good and useful in all this, but it is perhaps too superior to have a beneficial effect upon those for whose admonition the book has been written.

The story of 'The Idiot' may be considered tedious by ordinary novel-readers; but it will exercise a weird fascination upon those minds to which its author's other writings appeal with irresistible force. It is as unconventional as 'Crime and Punishment' and 'Injury and Insult,' and as rich as they are in minute studies of moral disease. It is easy to understand the immense charm which such works possess for Russian readers, who are terribly in earnest in their study of vexed social problems, and who find only in fiction the free discussion of questions of that nature. It is more difficult to explain the remarkable influence which they have recently exercised in France and, to a certain extent, among ourselves. How-ever this may be, 'The Idiot' undoubtedly deserves to be carefully studied. The hero of the story, a Russian pauper prince, who suffers from epileptic attacks and incipient softening of the brain, is at first sight an unattractive personage; but the author, of whose opinions he is apparently the mouth-piece, has endowed him with such noble aspirations and so tender a sympathy with all forms of suffering and distress, that his material weaknesses are forgotten by those who can rightly appreciate his spiritual perfection. Much may indeed be forgiven to a traveller who, after a long and tedious journey, can at once favour the doorkeeper of a house at which he calls at an early hour of the morning with an eloquent oration on the terrors of capital punishment, skilfully analyzing the sensations of a culprit condemned to death, and warmly pleading the cause of all convicted murderers.

'A Professor of Alchemy' is not a bad book in its way, for, spite of its troubled episodes, it is easily read and as easily forgot. It is a short romance on the life of a sixteenth century alchemist, and it abounds in pictures of passages at arms between the Church and the philosopher of the Middle Ages. There is a kind of vagueness over it all, though there are scenes that should be vivid enough; but we cannot say that "dead times revive" in it with much distinctness. It is shadowy and dreamlike, and leaves an impression of confusion which is, perhaps, intentional.

THEOLOGICAL BOOKS.

Three Anti-Pelagian Treatises of S. Augustine.
Translated with Analyses by F. H. Woods, B.D.,
and J. O. Johnston, M.A. (Nutt.)—These translations are well done. The translators go on the principle of breaking up the long subordinate clauses of Latin and reproducing them in coordinate English sentences, and sometimes in this way more emphasis is given to a clause in the English translation than in the Latin original But the translators have taken great pains to express the exact sense of the writer, and they have produced versions which are readable and flow smoothly on. The analyses also have been prepared with much care, but the words are sometimes inexact, as in this sentence: "The accusers were unable through illness to be present at the Council." Here the reader might imagine "They were ill, but Augustine expressly says:
"They were themselves absent, excusing themselves because one of them was ill." It is hinted in the preface that the translations are published for the benefit of candidates in the Oxford Honour School of Theology. Surely there are no honour candidates who require translations of such simple treatises.

THE volume on The Church and the Roman Empire, by the Rev. Arthur Carr, which has appeared in Prof. Creighton's series of "Epochs of Church History" (Longmans & Co.), is a painstaking and useful compilation from the ordinary standard books on the subject. More than this it haddly professes to be a but if it than this it hardly professes to be; but if it thus falls below the level of the majority of the books in the series to which it belongs, it may be none the less recommended as a cheap and readable summary of the accepted statement of the relations between the Church and the Empire from Diocletian to Pope Leo I. from the point of view of a liberal-minded Churchman, Carr is evidently more practised in writing sermons than in writing history, and in con-sequence too often mars the effect of his narrative by pointing obvious morals. Many of them, indeed, are well enough put, and show an intelligent comprehension of the real meaning of great crises in the Church's history; but it would generally have been better to let the facts speak for themselves. The book has few positive mistakes. On p. 67 a traditional saying of Christ's is quoted from Socrates as "not elsewhere found," whereas it occurs repeatedly, e.g., in Origen and Epiphanius; and the account of Aëtius and Boniface (pp. 182, 183) needs rewriting in the light of Mr. Freeman's recent dissertation on the subject. One other fault may be noted. Mr. Carr is too apt to make quota-tions as though at first hand when they seem to be taken straight from the notes of Gibbon or some other well-known history.

PROF. STRACK has assumed the gigantic title of Introduction to the Talmud (Einleitung in den of Introduction to the Taimud (Enterting in des Taimud, "Sonderabdruck aus der 'Real-En-cyclopädie für Protestantische Theologie und Kirche,' 2te Auflage, Bd. XVIII.") for an article of seventy-six pages. He evidently has little idea what is required for an introduc-tion to a huge compilation on a variety of subjects, containing so many dialects in the

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various sayings. Although he quotes the intro-ductions to the Mishnah by Frankel and Brill, and that to the Talmud of Jerusalem by Frankel, Prof. Strack seems not to have learnt from them what an introduction ought to be. What the reader will find in this introduction is the commonplace of all Talmud articles, with perhaps a few more titles of books and articles referring to the various subjects in the Talmud; but even here the choice is not good, and in many respects incomplete. What, for instance, have anti-Semitic attacks on the Talmud, and on the other hand defences in sermons, to do with a literary article on the Talmud? Again, for the important question whether the Mishnah was written down by the compiler, and con-sequently the Talmudical discussion is based upon a written text of the Mishnah or on an oral tradition of it, Prof. Strack naturally quotes R. Sherira's letter, which is for the time (tenth century) an astonishing piece of criticism. But he has no notion that there are two versions of it he has no notion that there are two versions of it which are contradictory. Prof. Strack quietly says: "This important, but also this immensely difficult, question I cannot finally settle owing to want of space, and much more of leisure." Of space? Surely, pp. 13 of 37, which give the names of the tractates, with a full translation and unnecessary explanations, could have been reduced to three or four pages by referring to other hooks with four pages by referring to other books, with-out any detriment to readers. Of leisure? Why should a scholar write and neglect to settle a most important question if he has no leisure? It is rather daring to believe that this ques-tion about the Mishnah could be settled at all. Another burning question, viz., whether the Jerusalem Talmud existed for all six "ordres" (Sedarim) or only for five, is dis-missed by Prof. Strack in an equally unsatisfactory manner, because he is not aware of J. H. Schorr's excellent article on the subject, which contains a criticism on Dr. Schiller-Szinessy's 'Occasional Notes,' which Dr. Strack אוולה given for it or not) derives from nD7, "to be similar," i.e., "because the possibility is there for affirmation and negation" (not very intelligible; Buxtorf takes it from nD7, cogitare, telligible; Buxtort takes it from החד, cogitare, which is better), a derivation scarcely justified by philology. It is certainly more plausible to compare למא "די מאי "די מאי "די מאי "די מאי it from ה' "די מאי", "of what," analogous to the Biblical ה', "manna" (Exod. xvi. 15), with הב, "for they wist not what it was."

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JOHN OF CAPUA translated in the thirteenth century the Kalilah-v-Dimnah from the Hebrew of a R. Joel into Latin, with the titles of 'Directorium Humanse Vitæ' and 'Parabolse Antiquorum Sapientium.' M. de Sacy had long ago recognized the Hebrew original of John of Capua in a MS. of the then Royal Library Paris Paris Phylos Way at learth printed in 1889 in Paris, which was at length printed in 1884 by M. J. Derenbourg. Capua's translation was printed once in the fifteenth century, but the volume is as rare as a MS. For the criticism of the texts of 'Kalilah and Dimnah' a new edition of the 'Directorium' became necessary, and naturally M. Derenbourg pre-pared it. Meanwhile Signor V. Puntoni pub-lished an edition at Pisa, 1884, from the copy found at the Vatican Library. Signor Puntoni, not being an Oriental scholar, it seems, could not give complete references from John of Capua's translation to the Hebrew and to the Arabic. This has been done now in M. J. Derenbourg's edition, which has just appeared (Paris, Bibliothèque de l'École des Hautes Études), not only with the Eastern texts, the Syriac, Arabic, and Hebrew, but also with the Greek translation of Simon Seth, the Spanish with the title of 'Exemplario contra los Engaños y Peligros del Mundo,' and the Italian adaptation by Doni, 'La Filosofia Morale dei Indi.'

Besides, all the previous books and essays on Kalilah and Dimnah' have been made use of by M. Derenbourg. His notes will certainly be of the highest use for the history of the translation and adaptation of the popular 'Kalilah.' M. Derenbourg's edition forms a first fasciculus; the second one will most likely treat of the relation of the various texts one to another. We hope that the veteran scholar will be able to carry out this important introduction in spite of his advanced age and his rather weak sight.

DR. W. TAYLOR'S Scottish Pulpit from the Reformation to the Present Day (Burnet & Co.), the work of a Scotchman apparently settled in the United States, is written from the Evan-gelical standpoint, but shows a desire to be fair to those who differ from the author. Delivered as lectures, his chapters suffer somewhat from their form, and it would have been better had they been rewritten. In that case the author would probably have cancelled some harsh words about the Moderates, which are unjust to a great party which counted in its ranks the most eminent Churchmen of the eighteenth century in Scotland.

MESSRS. T. & T. CLARK have done well in publishing an English translation of Dr. Dorner's posthumous 'Sittenlehre,' under the title of System of Christian Ethics. It is an able and impressive work, which will be found highly useful by students of theology.

CLASSICAL SCHOOL-BOOKS.

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Passages for Translation into Latin Prose.
With an Introduction by Prof. H. Nettleship.
With Key for Masters and Tutors only. (Bell & Sons.)—The Key, to which the critic has no access, possibly justifies the Oxford Professor of Latin in publishing this volume. The selection is on the whole good, and we only recognize one or two old friends out of fifty-three passages, yet it is strange that there are no specimens of the style of Addison or Carlyle. We are sorry to hear that good Latin scholars at Oxford require the hints as to the meaning of common Latin the hints as to the meaning of common Latin words and phrases which their professor has thought it worth while to print. But when men are struggling with a whole sentence or clause they may often ignore or forget their knowledge of the component parts, and again many men find it very hard to call up their knowledge in time to answer questions intelli-gently, so that it is possible that Prof. Nettle-ship has underrated the calibre of his classes. If he is right, all the classical masters in England ought to be sent into penal servitude. The section of the introduction on the range of metathe introduction on the range of meta-phorical expression deals almost exclusively with the most obvious phrases, and we think force is lost by rendering nervi (p. 34) "muscles" instead of "sinews." On classical style in Latin prose we have an essay of twenty-five pages, consisting chiefly of passages which are supposed to illustrate resemblance or difference of style. Now we very much doubt if any modern could diswe very much doubt if any modern could distinguish with certainty between a passage in "Cicero's earlier manner" and another in "the more powerful and plastic" style of the speeches composed in middle life, if the dates of the passages were unknown. Prof. Nettleship would find it hard to produce another passage as stiff and redundant as 'Pro Quintio,' §§ 95-98, which certainly looks like an immature effusion, but still it is a piece of declaymation at the end but still it is a piece of declamation at the end of an oration; so that it is altogether idle to compare it with the punning, conversational passage from the 'Pro Cluentio,' §§ 70-71, which we should hesitate to call powerful or plastic.

The Catiline of Sallust. With Notes for Use in the Middle Forms of Schools. Edited by B. D. Turner, M.A. (Rivingtons.) — Mr. Turner gives in the main Dietsch's text, an historical introduction based on Mommsen, and a carefully compiled commentary, including an abstract of each chapter. The work cannot fail to be found serviceable both by boys (and girls) and teachers. Mr. Turner, very judiciously, translates his illustrative quotations.

P. Ovidii Nasonis Metamorphoseon XIII .-P. Ovidii Nasonis Metamorphoseon XIII.—XIV. Edited, with Introduction, Analysis, and Notes, by C. Simmons, M.A. (Macmillan & Co.)—P. Ovidii Nasonis Epistolarum ex Ponto. Liber Primus. With Introduction and Notes by C. H. Keene, M.A. (Bell & Sons.)—Selections from Ovid. By H. R. Heatley, M.A., and J. A. Turner, B.A. (Rivingtons.)—The enormous waste of labour caused by the fashion of fragmentary editing is well illustrated by Mr. Simmons's excellent introduction, which is full enough and good enough for a complete edition enough and good enough for a complete edition of the 'Metamorphoses.' The only defect noticeable is that nothing is said about the Ovidian hexameter. The editor's work in connexion with Latin MSS. is so well known that it is only necessary to remark that he has bestowed considerable pains upon the text, and that Mr. Robinson Ellis has contributed some valuable critical notes. The commentary is first rate, and contains much original work. rate, and contains much original work. We may instance the excellent notes on "iusta piare," xiii. 512, and "non impune feres," xiv. 383.—Mr. Keene gives us about 750 lines, with foot notes which are more distinguished by erudition than by taste or judgment. In spite, however, of sundry shortcomings, the work will be found useful by those who are compelled to master Ovid's lamentations.—The little volume of selections from the 'Heroides,' 'Fasti,' and Tristia' makes a serviceable reading-book for younger boys.

M. Tullii Ciceronis Cato Maior sive De Senectute. Edited by E. W. Howson, M.A. (Rivingtons.)-Mr. Howson has prepared this excellent edition for the use of beginners as a companion to Mr. Sidgwick's edition of the 'De Amicitia.' There is a judicious paucity of notes, and what are given are clear and scholarly. Space has been found for some apt quotations from English poets, which must tend to enliven the study of the treatise and to give boys an inkling that they are learning literature as well as Latin. The text and the notes can be obtained separately.

OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

A NEW work by Miss Catherine Mary Philli-more, The Warrior Medici, Giovanni delle Bande Nere, has reached us from the London Literary Society. There is a great temptation for ladie who winter at Florence to spend their leisure in writing books. So long as these books are about art or literature they generally contrive to say something that is worth saying and that is nicely said. Such has been the fortune of Miss Phillimore in the past; but emboldened by her literary success she has unfortunately wandered into success she has unfortunately wandered into history, which is a more serious matter, and requires some notion of method and some previous training. Miss Phillimore was so bitten with the delights of "research" that her titlepage tells us that her book is a "study from page tens us that her book is a "study from the Archivio Storico and original MSS. in the Magliabechiana Library." We can only say that Miss Phillimore's research has added nothing to the history of Giovanni delle Bande Nere, and she has been so absorbed in the pursuit of MSS. that she has disregarded obvious sources of information which lay close at hand. She understands neither the contemporary history of Italy nor the previous development of Italian or train nor the previous development of Trainan condottiers; nor does she show any appreciation of the importance which Giovanni's military talents gave him in Italy, where many thoughtful men hoped that he might work his way towards uniting Italy, and might prove to be the deliverer expected since the days of Dante. Giovanni was not quite so strange a hero as Cesare Borgia, chiefly because he knew nothing about statecraft. When asked whom he thought the greatest man, he answered, "A soldier, well armed and well horsed, who has just overcome

his enemy." His whole character is pretty well summed up in that ideal. He was a rough, passionate, brutal soldier, but his heart was in his he knew how to manage men, how to drill his troops and exact from them implicit obedience. We wonder how such a character survived in the midst of Italian culture. As it did survive it became an object of warm admiration, for it was strong in its brutality, and Italians had grown so supple that their strength was gone. Giovanni delle Bande Nere was a good subject for a study to any one who understood the life and politics, and above all the military organization, of Italy in his time. Miss Phillimore knows little about any of these points, and consequently has produced a work which is of no value. Her printers have not done much to help her: thus we have "Cæsar Borgia, commonly called Duke Valentine"; "Cardinal Alidorio" for Alidosi. Then we read of a mysterious personage, "Albericodu Barbiano"; but he is not worse than "Gonzage, Duke of Mantna." In fact, the Italian generally passes understanding.

Baedeker's Great Britain (Leipzig), by Mr. James Muirhead, is as good every whit as any of its continental predecessors. Whoever has of its continental predecessors. Whoever has used those handbooks will know, then, what he may look for-full and exact information as to routes, distances, means of communication, sights, hotels, and travelling expenses. With this guide-book in his pocket the tourist easily could find his way from Land's End or John o Groat's to Stratford-on-Avon or Chalfont, to Abbotsford or Alloway—in short, to any of our pilgrim shrines. It is light, handy, well arranged, justly proportioned, and admirably indexed, although a brief index rerum would undoubtedly add to its value. The information is always to the point; there is a total absence of the gush and weak jokes that disfigure most guide books, yet happy quotations are not wanting from Wordsworth, Scott, Ruskin, and others. Then, for a first edition, blunders and omissions are singularly rare. Some there are, of course. The Abbey Craig, Stirling, for instance, is 362, not 550 feet high; the Ipswich Museum was transferred from Museum Street in 1881; Mungo Park did not die in 1771; and Field Place and Craigenputtock were as worthy of notice as Hursley and Morwenstow. The fourteen maps, in two of which the Wooler railway is omitted, are scarcely so good as the text or as the twenty four plans of cities and cathedrals; some of them are surcharged with brown tints and overloaded with names. The introduction, on the other hand, is a valuable portion of the work, with its general hints to travellers, its notes on sports, cycling, and rowing (the tour of the Thames is a feature), its outlines of English and Scotch history, and its masterly sketch, by Prof. Freeman, of English architecture. There is, besides, a useful bibliography, which oddly, however, makes no mention of Dorothy Wordsworth's incomparable 'Tour in Scotland,' yet admits 'An American Four-in-hand in Britain,' where, if we remember right, Magdalen Bridge spans the Isis, and Flodden figures as the scene of the final overthrow of the Jacobites! But then on this latter point Mr. Muirhead himself is not clear, for he tells us that the rebellion of the '45 was "crushed at Falkirk and Culloden."

MR. TUER has issued, with reproductions of the original illustrations, a pretty reprint of Beauty and the Beast, by Charles Lamb. An introduction by Mr. Andrew Lang adds value to the volume. Mr. Lang politely avoids saying he does not believe Lamb wrote the verses, but his real opinion may be guessed.

MESSRS. HODDER & STOUGHTON have issued a new edition of The Domestic World, one of the volumes of miscellaneous information produced by the compiler of 'Enquire Within upon Every-

We have received the annual reports of the Free Libraries at Birkenhead and Cambridge.

At Birkenhead, we are glad to say, the collection of books relating to the county of Chester is increasing; the Cambridge library has been enriched by the bequest of Mrs. Clerk Maxwell. From Swansea comes a catalogue of the valuable collection presented by Mr. Deffett Francis to the library of that town.

WE have on our table Martin Luther: his Life and Work, 2 vols., by P. Bayne, LL.D. (Cassell),—David Kennedy, the Scottish Singer, by M. Kennedy and D. Kennedy, jun. (Gardner),

—The State, by J. H. Pope (Wellington, N.Z.,
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Countess of **** (Warne),—Scaled Lips, by
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Who's She? by H. Coghlan (Edinburgh,
Paterson),—Our Grandfather, by V. Halek
(Hull, Leng & Co.),—The Cathedral Chorister,
by Georgiana, Lady Chatterton, edited by E. H.
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York, Whittaker),—Thomas Chatterton, Tragëdie
in Vier Akten, by H. Blau (Hirschfeld Brothers),
—Recueil de Tragaux publiés par l'École Pra-Vieweg),—Catalogue Ostéologique des Mammi-fères, by F. A. Jentink (Leyden, Brill),—Le Manuel de Dhuoda, by E. Bondurand (Paris, Picard),—Neuchatel et la Politique Prussienne en Franche-Comté, 1702-1713, by E. Bourgeois (Paris, Leroux).—Der Kampf gegen die beste-hende Ordnung, by O. Spielberg (Zürich, Schabelitz),- Das Menschen-Ideal und seine Erfüllung, by Otto Spielberg (Zürich, Schabelitz), -Strafensystem und Gefüngniswesen in England, by Dr. P. F. Aschrott (Trübner),—Aus Dieser Welt, der Komödie, by Otto Spielberg (Leipzig, Heuser),—and Das Weib in der Natur- und Völkerkunde, Parts IV. and V., by Dr. H. Ploss and Dr. Max Bartels (Leipzig, Fernau). Among New Editions we have The Civil Service History of England, by F. A. White, revised by H. A. Dobson (Lockwood),—Fabulæ Faciles, a First Latin Reader, by F. Ritchie (Rivingtons), — Bossut's French Phrase-Book, fensystem und Gefängniswesen in England, by

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Griss, Giulia, operatic singer, 1812-69
Grocyn, William, classical scholar, 1442-1519
Groenveldt, John, M. D., physician, fl. 1688
Grogan, Cornelius, Irish rebel, ex. 1798
Grogan, Nathaniel, landscape painter, 1807*
Gronow, Capt. Rees Howell, "Anecdotes," 1794-1865
Groombridge, Stephen, F. R.S., astronomer, 1735-1832
Groombridge, William, water-colour painter, fl. 1790
Groome, Rev. John, divine, 1760
Grose, Fancis, antiquary, 1731-91
Grose, Rev. John, 'Ethics,' 1821
Grose, Glr Nash, judge, 1741-1814
Grosse, Alexander, B.D., Presbyterian divine, 1654
Grosse, taxander, B.D., Presbyterian divine, 1654
Grosseteste, Robert, Bishop of Lincoln, 1175*-1253
Grossmith, George, chemist and miscellaneous wri
1814-67
Grossmith, George, humourist and journalist, 1811-80
Grosvenor, Benjamin, Dissenting minister, 1675-1758
Grosvenor, John, surgeon of Oxford, 1743-1823
Grosvenor, Richard, ist Earl Grosvenor, 1731-1802
Grosvenor, Richard, Marquis of Westminster, 1889
Grosvenor, Bir Robert de, Sheriff of Chester, 1396
Grosvenor, Bir Bobert de, Sheriff of Chester, 1396
Grosvenor, Sir Thomas, Bart., M. P. for Chester, 1657-1700
Grosvenor, Thomas, field marshal, 1764-1851
Grote, George, D.C.L., F.R.S., sidentific writer, 1814-86
Grote, George, D.C.L., F.R.S., historian of Greece, 1794-1871
Grote, Mrs. Harriet, biographer, 1792-1878
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Gutch, Rev. John, M.A., F.S.A., antiquary, 1745-1831
Gutch, John Matthew, antiquary and journalist, 1777-1861
Gutch, John Wheeley Gough, Queen's messenger, 1862
Guthiac, St.
Guthrie, St. Tavid, Lord Treasurer of Scotland, fl. 1479
Guthrie, Frederick, Ph.D., F.R.S., scientific writer, 1833-86
Guthrie, George James, F.R.S., President of College of
Surgeons, 1785-1868
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Grote, Rev. John, B.D., philosopher, 1813-66
Grove, —, actor, fi. 1809
Grove, Rev. George, divine, 1862
Grove, Henry, Dissenting minister, 1683-1738
Grove, Col. Hugh, Royalist, ex. 1855
Grove, John, agent of the Jesuits, ex. 1879
Grove, Joseph, blographer, 1764
Grove, Matthew, poet, fi. 1587
Grove, Robert, Bishop of Chichester, 1698
Grover, Rev. Henry Montague, miscellaneou
1866
Grover, Rev. Henry Montague, miscellaneou
Grover, Rev. Henry Montague, miscellaneous writer, 1791-
1866
Groves, John Thomas, architect, 1811
Grozer, Joseph, engraver, b. 1755*
Grubb, John, poet, 1643-97
Grubb, Thomas, F.R.S., optician, 1801-78
Gruffydd ab Cynan, the last king of Wales, 1137
Gruffydd ab Llywelyn ab Scisyllt. Prince of Wales, 1084
Gruffydd ab Rhya ab Gruffydd, Prince of North Wales, 1094
Gruffydd ab Rhya ab Tewdurr, Prince of South Wales, 1138
Grundy, John, mathematician, 1696-1748
Grundy, John, closensting minister, 1782-1843
Grundy, John Clowes, printseller, 1867
Grundy, Thomas Leeming, engraver, 1808-41
Grundys, Charles Lewis, journalist and musical critic, 1808-79
Gryg, Gruffydd, Welsh poet, fl. 1370
      Gruneisen, Charles Lewis, journalist and musical critic, 1806-79
Gryg, Gruffydd, Welsh poet, fl. 1370
Grymeston, Elizabeth, poetess, fl. 1604
Gualo, poet, fl. 1170
Gudwal, St., 7th cent.
Guersye, Balthasar, M.D., physician, 1558
Guest, Douglas, historical painter, fl. 1838
Guest, Edmund, Bishop of Salisbury, 1517*-77
Guest, Edwin, LL.D., F.R.S., Master of Caius College, 1800-80
Guest, George, musical composer, 1771-1831
Guest, Gawin, Land, F.R.S., Master of Caius College, 1800-80
Guest, George, musical composer, 1771-1831
Guest, Balph, musical composer, 1742-1830
Guido, Prior of Merton, 1150*
Guidott, Thomas, M.D., physician, 1638-95*
Guidott, Thomas, M.D., physician, 1638-95*
Guidotti, Sir Anthony, merchant and diplomatist, fl. 1552
Guidd, William, D.D., Principal of King's College, Glasgow,
1536-1657
Guiddotti, Nicholas de, poet fl. 1240
            Guildord, Nicholas de, poet, fl. 1240
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Guilford, Frederick North, 2nd Earl of, K.G., 1732-92. See
Gullford, Frederick North, 2nd Earl of, K.G., 1732-92. See North.
Guilford, Frederick North, 5th Earl of, 1788-1827. See North.
Guilford, Sir Hienry, Master of the Horse, temp. Henry VIII.
Guilford, Sir Hichard, K.G., Master of the Ordnance, 1508
Guillamore, Viscount. See O'Grady.
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Guillim, John, 'Display of Heraldry,' 1565*-1621
Guinnes, Sir Benjamin Leigh, Bart., M.P., restorer of St.
Patrick's, Dublin, 1798-1888
Guile, John, D.D. See Guyse.
Guise, William, M.A., divine, 1653-84
Guillver, George, F.R. S., surgeon, 1892
Guilly, James Manby, M.D., physician, 1808-83
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Guilston, Elizabeth, etcher, 1840*
Gulston, Disseph, M.P., portrait collector, 1786
Gulston, Theodore, M.D., physician, 1632
Gumble, Thomas, D.D., biographer, fi. 1671
Gundleus, St., king and confessor
Gundrad de Warenne, supposed daughter of William I.,
1085
Gundry, Sir Nathaniel, judge, 1754
Gundulph, Bishop of Rochester, 1022-1107
Gunn, Barnabas, musical composer, 1743
Gunn, John, writer on music, fl. 1815
Gunn, Ronald Campbell, F. R.S., botanist, 1808-81
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Gunn, William, B.D., translator of Nennius, 1749-1841
Gunn, Rev. William Alphonsus, popular preacher, 1806
Gunning, Miss Catherine, afterwards Mrs. Travers, celebrated beauty, 1773
Gunning, Miss Elizabeth, afterwards Duchess of Hamilton and Duchess of Argyll, 1734-89
Gunning, Henry, M.A., Esquire Bedell at Cambridge, 1768-1854
Gunning, John, C. R., Inspector, Ganaral of America, 1808-1808
Gunning, Henry, M.A., Esquire Bedell at Cambridge, 1768-
1854.
Gunning, John, C.B., Inspector-General of Army Hospitals,
1774-1863.
Gunning, Miss Maria, afterwards Countess of Coventry,
1733-80. See Coventry.
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Gunning, Miss Minihe, atterwards Mrs. Plunket, novelist,
fl. 1816.
Gunning, Peter, D.D., Bishop of Ely, 1613-84
Gunter, Edmund, B.D., "Gunter's Scale," 1581-1626
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Gunter, William, Catholic divine, ex. 1588
Gunthorpe, John, Dean of Wells, 1498
Gunton, Bimon, Canon of Peterborough, 1676
Gurdon, Adam, warrior, fl. 1305
Gurdon, Rev. Brampton, M.A., Boyle Lecturer, 1741
Gurdon, Thurnhaugh, 'History of Parliament,' 1733
Gurnall, Rev. William, M.A., 'Christian in Compleat
Armour, '1616-79
Gurney, Miss Anna, Anglo-Saxon scholar, 1857
Gurney, Bev. Archer Thompson, divine, 1821-87
Gurney, Bir Goldsworthy, 1793-1875
Gurney, Hudson, M.P., F.R.S., F.S.A., poet and antiquary,
1775-1864
Gurney, John, Quaker, 1741
      1775-1864
Gurney, John, Quaker, 1741
Gurney, Bir John, judge, 1769-1845
Gurney, Rev. John Hampden, miscellaneous writer, 1800-69
Gurney, Rev. John Phillips, M.A., divine, 1797-1872*
Gurney, Joseph, Biblical scholar, 1879
Gurney, Joseph John, philanthropist, 1788-1847
Gurney, Russell, M.P., Recorder of London, 1804-78
Gurney, Thomas, stenographer, 1705-70
Gurney, Rev. William, Evangelical preacher, 1767-1843
Gurwood, Col. John, C.B., editor of 'Wellington's Despatches, 1790-1845
Gutch, Rev. John, M.A., F.S.A., antiquary, 1745-1831
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Guyon, Richard Debaufre, general in the Hungarian service, 1813-56
Guyae, John, D.D., Dissenting minister, 1680-1761
Gwalchmai, Welsh chieftain, 6th cent.
Gwalchmai, Welsh chieftain, 1638-1837
Gwilt, George, architect, 1743-1837
Gwilt, George, architect, 1743-1856
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Gwilt, George, F.B.A., architect and Anglo-Saxon scholar, 1734-1863
Gwilm, David ap, Welsh bard, 1400*
Gwin, Robert, Catholic divine, fl. 1578
Gwinn, Bames, engraver, 1769
Gwinne, Matthew, M.D., physician and dramatist, 1627
Gwinnet, Richard, essayist and poet, 1717
Gwyn, David, poet, fl. 1568
Gwyn, Francis, politician, 1734
Gwynn, Eleanor, mistress of Charles II., 1650-87
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Gwynn, John, R A., architect, 1786
Gwynne, John, 'Miltary Memoirs,' fl. 1654
Gwynneth, John, Mus.D., Catholic divine, fl. 1557
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Gye, Frederick, director of the Opera, 1810-78
Gyfford, Edward, architectural draughtsmas, 1834*
Gylby, See Gilby,
Gyles, Henry, painter on glass, fl. 1687
Gyles, Mascai, polemic, 1652
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THE COMING PUBLISHING SEASON.

MESSRS. FIELD & TUER announce (besides 'The Grievances between Authors and Publishers') 'The Duties and Conduct of Nurses in Private Nursing,' by Dr. W. L. Richardson,—'Silver Voice: a Fairy Tale,'—and 'Forgotten Picture Books for Children,' No. 1, Days Wigning of Local No. 20 (The Children) 'Dame Wiggins of Lee'; No. 2, 'The Gaping Wide-Mouthed Waddling Frog'; No. 3, 'Deborah Dent and her Donkey,'—and the Bairns' Annual for 1887-8, edited by Alice Corkran.

Messrs. J. F. Shaw & Co. announce 'In Con-

Messrs. J. F. Shaw & Co. announce 'In Convent Walls: the Story of the Despensers,' by E. S. Holt,—'His Adopted Daughter' and 'Will Foster of the Ferry,' by A. Giberne,—'City Snowdrops,' by M. E. Winchester,—'The Shepherd's Darling,' by Brenda,—'In the Dashing Days of Old; or, the World-wide Adventures of Willie Grant,' by Dr. Gordon Stables,—'Right Onward; or, Boys and Boys,' by Ismay Thorn,—'Goldengates,' by M. L. Ridley,—'Armour Clad,' by G. P. Dyer,—'Cousin Dora,' by Emily Brodie,—'Over the Hills and Far Away,' by Mrs. Stanley Leathes,—'Dickie's Secret,' by C. Shaw,—'The Story of Little Hal and the Golden Gate,' by M. M. Butler,—'Joyce Tregarthen,' by Mrs. Clutton-Brock, &c.

Messrs. Effingham Wilson have in the press a fourth edition of Mr. Thomson Hankey's work on banking.

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BRIAN FITZ COUNT.

In the course of some researches on Brian fitz Count for his life in the 'Dictionary of National Biography' I have noted a curious fact which would seem to have been hitherto overlooked. The 'Liber Epistolaris,' or model letter-writer, of Richard de Bury, Bishop of Durham (1333-1345), is apparently in the possession of Lord Harlech, and was specially reported on at great length by Mr. Horwood for the Historical MSS. length by Mr. Horwood for the Historical MSS. Commission (1874). From this report we learn that among the letters preserved for us by the indefatigable prelate is one from Henry (of Blois), Bishop of Winchester, to Brian fitz Count, with the latter's reply. Brian, we learn, had (according to Mr. Horwood) told the bishop "that he was bound by oath to his uncle King Henry of happy memory, and that he would adhere to his son," &c. There is clearly an error here, the scribe, or Mr. Horwood, having obviously read "filio" for "filia." The object of Brian's unflinching fidelity was no other than

the Empress Maud.

Now a most instructive letter of another ecclesiastic, Foliot, written ex parte imperatricis, commends Brian for this same fidelity, and gives us the very interesting information that a treatise in support of her claim had been compiled by Brian himself. This being so, it is neather for recreat and indeed for some supports. matter for regret, and, indeed, for some surprise, that Brian's reply to the Bishop of Winchester is briefly entered by Mr. Horwood as "a long reply to the above." This letter, which extends over three folios, and is probably the earliest in the volume, should obviously be published in extenso, and may throw some very welcome light on an important, but obscure period in the history of the twelfth century. J. H. ROUND.

MRS. CRAIK.

MRS. CRAIK, author of 'John Halifax,' has passed away, and a name well and widely known will meet us no more in the journals and magazines where we were wont to see it. It is not an easy thing to say during the life, or immediately after the death, of an author, what place he will fill in the history of his own time. But the works of Mrs. Craik date backwards almost forty years. Her magnum opus, 'John Halifax,' was published in 1857, thirty years ago, and she has already an historical position which we may attempt to estimate.

She has not lost her hold upon the reading publie, and not only in Great Britain, but in the United States of America, the colonies, wherever the English tongue is spoken, she has warm friends and many admirers; it is equally true that her reputation depends upon her early works, and that the secret of her influence must

be sought in them.

She was democratic. She believed in the nobility of man as man, and looked upon condition, circumstance, or birth as an accident which ought not to determine his ultimate position. Her ideal man, John Halifax, carried about with him an old Greek Testament, in about with him an old Greek Testament, in which, after the name of an ancestor, was the inscription "Gentleman." Such a charter she held to be the inalienable possession of every human being. The old Greek Testament is an allegory. Somewhere there is the inscription "Gentleman" for every one; and when it is discovered we shall find it to be a power to influence and govern life, to make truth, honour, fidelity, and purity supreme. She sums all up in the word "goodness," and shows this goodness in every man or woman whom she thought worthy of careful delineation.

Again; she was a Christian. She did not write of religion or inculcate dogma. Her Christianity was that of the Sermon on the Mount, and her faith is established upon a Person and not upon a creed. She teaches us to love God, to believe in Him, to trust Him. We cannot see, we cannot understand, but we are safe with Him who sees and knows. In her own words: "We most of us have, more or less, to accept the will of Heaven, instead of our own will, and to go on our way resignedly, nay cheerfully, knowing that, whether we see it or not, all is well." Faith in God and faith in man were the secret of her influence. She made no parade of this, but the reader will easily discover that she holds him by all that is good in himself and by her own faith in goodness. She has left many pictures of the struggle against poverty, error, and misconception, of truth that is great and must prevail, of goodness that stands fast for ever and

Then, again, she wrote plain, simple English. She never used a long word if a short one would do as well, and she never took a foreign word that has an equivalent in her own language. Clearness, directness, simplicity, counted for much in her success as an author. It would be a fruitless task to say what she has not, and what she is not. Deficiencies, easily detected, are all atoned for by direct insight, which some

would not hesitate to call genius.

The books upon which Mrs. Craik's fame will rest were written many years ago, but she has always been able and willing to say an influential word in a good cause, and to write for a large circle of readers. Her last papers, on 'An Un-known Country,' describe a tour in Ireland, a country which had many claims upon her, as on the father's side she was of Irish origin.

The following is a complete list of her works:

Novels:—The Ogilvies, 1849; Olive, 1850; The Head of the Family, 1851; Agatha's Husband, 1853; John Halifax, Gentleman, 1857; A Life for a Life, 1859; Mistress and Maid, 1863; Christian's Mistake, 1865; A Noble Life, 1866; Two Marriages, 1867; The Woman's Kingdom, 1869; A Brave Lady, 1870; Hannah, 1871; My Mother and I, 1874; The Laurel Bush, 1876; Young Mrs. Jardine, 1879; His Little Mother, 1881; Miss Tommy, 1884; King Arthur, 1888

Miscellaneous Works:—Avillion, and other Tales, 1853; Nothing New, 1857; A Woman's Thoughts about Woman, 1858; Studies from Life, 1861; The Unkind Word, and other Stories, 1870; Fair France, 1871; Sermons out of Church, 1875; A Legacy: being the Life and Remains of John Martin, Schoolmaster and Poet, 1878; Plain Speaking, 1882; An Unsentimental Journey through Cornwall, 1884; About Money, and other Essays, 1887; An Unknown Country, 1887.

Country, 1881; Songs of our Youth, 1875.

Years' Poems, New and Old, 1881, and Children's Poetry, 1881; Songs of our Youth, 1875.
Children's Books:—Alice Learmont, a Fairy Tale, 1852; How to Win Love, or Rhoda's Lesson, 1848; Cola Monti, 1849; A Hero, 1853; Bread upon the Waters, 1852; The Little Lychetts, 1855; Michael the Miner, 1846; Our Year, 1862; Little Sunshine's Holiday, 1875; Adventures of a Brownie, 1872; The Little Lame Prince, 1874.

In the spring of this year Mr. Herkomer painted Mrs. Craik's portrait. He depicts all that the painter can render of the repose, the quiet dignity, and the beauty of her advancing age. All but the few who remember the elegance of her youthful figure and the intent gaze of the youthful face will be contented with such a portrait. It is true to her as she lived and as she died. Of the rare fidelity of her friendship, of the appalling blank left in her own home, this

is not the place to speak.

For nearly twenty years she had lived at Shortlands, beloved and respected by rich and poor. No sincerer mourners ever stood around an open grave than those who thronged the churchyard of Keston on Saturday, the 15th of October. The wreaths and crosses, and the wealth of white blossom that hid the coffin, and now cover the mound raised above her and now cover the mound raised above her grave and the bank that is near it, were sent from far and near. Lord Tennyson, Sir Noel and Lady Paton, Miss Mary Anderson, Mrs. Oliphant, Mr. Briton Riviere, children whom she loved and who loved her, rich and poor, were all represented on that last day.

She died suddenly on the 12th of October from failure of the heart's action-the death of Catherine Ogilvy, which she described in her first novel, the death of John Halifax, the death of Ursula his wife, the death she had always foreseen for herself. She did not dread it, nor perhaps was it wholly unexpected to herself; but when it came her strong desire to witness the approaching marriage of her adopted daughter caused her to murmur, "Oh, if I could live four weeks longer! but," she added,

"no matter, no matter."

These her last words are characteristic of her life and teaching. They are the supreme utterance of her belief that, "whether we see it or not, all is well."

A verse from her own poems, given by Mr. Wolley in the sermon preached last Sunday at Shortlands, in the church she always attended, may stand here as her epitaph:—

And when I lie in the green kirkyard,
With the mould upon my breast,
Say not that she did well—or ill,
Only, "She did her best."
FRANCES MARTIN.

Literary Gossip.

READERS of Forster's 'Life of Dickens' will remember that a letter from Mr. Blackmore, in whose office Dickens was for some time, referring to a petty cash book kept by him during his term of service, was there quoted. This cash book has lately been unearthed, and full particulars, with fac-similes of a page in Dickens's writing, and of the fly-leaf with his signature, will appear in Mr. Kitton's promised collection of portraits of Dickens. The signature is of great interest, being probably the earliest known; and it is remarkable that the book contains such names as Weller, Mrs. Bardell, and Newman Nott, which, of course, suggests Newman Noggs. The entries from the 5th of January to the 17th of March, 1828, are all in Dickens's own writing, and it appears that his salary of 13s. 6d. a week was raised on the 1st of August, 1828, to 15s. a week.

SIR CHARLES BOWEN in his translation of Virgil, which Mr. Murray promises, uses a modification of the hexameter. He cuts off the final syllable of the ordinary hexameter, and thus obtains, he thinks, " a verse capable, amongst other advantages, of being easily dealt with in rhyme." The work is the result of the leisure hours of the learned judge since he was raised to the bench.

DR. LANSDELL has another volume in the press, forthcoming in November, and entitled 'Through Central Asia: with an Appendix on the Diplomacy and Delimitation of the Russo-Afghan Frontier.' The object of the appendix will be to give in a compendious form the course of events and diplomatic correspondence which led to the appointment of the Afghan Boundary Commission, together with a sketch of the manner in which the delimitation has been performed. The matter is then reviewed from both the Russian and the English points of view. The book will be published by Messrs. Sampson Low & Co., illustrated with seventyfour engravings, and a map showing the frontier as officially negotiated and the author's route.

THE forthcoming number of Murray's Magazine will contain a poem by Tom Hood. It consists of an address delivered to the Islington Literary Society, of which Hood was president, at their first winter meeting in October, 1820. The manuscript, which is in the poet's handwriting, was discovered accidentally among the papers of the secretary to the society many years afterwards.

THE article on 'English Actors in the French Revolution' in the new number of the Edinburgh Review is understood to be from the pen of Mr. Alger, of the Paris office of the Times.

WE greatly regret to say that Dr. Stoddart, on account of failing health, has resigned the editorship of the Glasgow Herald, which he has held with much credit to himself and advantage to the paper. His place has been taken by Mr. Charles Russell, formerly assistant editor of the

MR. Gosse will deliver a course of six lectures at Trinity College, Cambridge, this term on 'The Poetry of the Second Quarter of the Eighteenth Century.' The subjects of the individual lectures will be as follows:

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The Transition from Pope to Thomson; The Funereal Poets—Young, Blair; Thomson's 'Seasons'; 'The Castle of Indolence' and the School of Thomson; Collins; Gray.

Mr. R. L. Stevenson will contribute to each number of Scribner's Magazine during the coming year a paper on topics suggested by the literature and life of the day.

THE November number of Macmillan's Magazine will contain the first instalment of a new story by Mr. J. Henry Shorthouse, the author of 'John Inglesant.' The November number of the English Illustrated Magazine will contain an article on Capri, by Madame Linda Villari, with illustrations by Mr. Walter Maclaren. The second instalment of Mr. Outram Tristram's papers on 'Coaching Days and Coaching Ways' will complete the account of the old Bath Road.

The forthcoming volume of the "Record Series" of the Yorkshire Archæological and Topographical Association will contain, in addition to the West Riding Sessions Rolls, an index to York wills of the time of Charles I. The wills at York date back to the thirteenth century, and it is proposed to give in this series of publications a complete index of these wills from the earliest date.

PROF. LAUGHTON writes :-

"In your notice of Mr. Stevens's 'Court Minutes of the East India Company' you quote, as part of the supplies ordered for the Red Dragon, 'Bockallrowe fische 37,500,' with the remark, 'What the latter entry means we do not know.' I think there can be little doubt that it is a corruption of bacallao—salt fish, ling or cod, which was for long a staple article of food for our sailors."

We have received letters from several other correspondents suggesting the same explanation, which is no doubt correct.

WE owe Mr. Sonnenschein an apology. Two of the books we complained of as missing in his valuable work. The Best Books: a Reader's Guide,' are to be found in it. M. Croisset's work on Pindar we missed by some strange oversight, but as M. Weil's 'Euripides' only contains seven tragedies we did not look for it among editions of the complete works.

WE are glad to hear that Sir George Duckett has concluded his task of editing the Cluni archives, and that the result of his labours will be shortly made public, under the title of 'Charters and Records among the Archives of the Ancient Abbey of Cluni, from 1077 to 1534; illustrative of the Acts of some of our Early Kings; and all the Abbey's English Foundations.'

Pestalozzi is to have an appropriate monument erected at Yverdon, in the canton Vaud, where he conducted his celebrated educational establishment from 1805 to 1825. At the house in Brugg where he was born a memorial tablet is to be affixed.

A NEW bibliographical weekly has made its appearance at Berlin, under the title of Das Archiv. The publications are arranged according to subjects, and each number contains a critical summary.

Mr. Lang's version of 'Aucassin and Nicolette' will not be long behind Mr. Bourdillon's. Mr. Nutt is to publish it in Elzevir fashion.

THE formation of a "Gesellschaft zur Erforschung der Deutschen Unterrichts- und Erziehungs- Geschichte" was an important outcome of the late meeting of the German philologists at Zürich. The seat of the society is to be in Berlin, and its object, according to "Statute 2," is "the completest possible collection, sifting, and publication of the materials scattered in archives and libraries for the history of the school in all German-speaking lands." Its publications will form a supplement to the already existing 'Monumenta Germaniæ Pædagogica.'

M. CUVILLIER - FLEURY has not long survived M. de Viel - Castel. A staunch Orleanist journalist, he was elected an Academician by order of M. Guizot in 1866.
M. Cuvillier - Fleury published several volumes of his collected articles.

The death is announced, on the 16th inst., of Pastor Valdemar Thisted, the author of the popular 'Letters from Hell,' which originally appeared in Danish in 1866, under the pseudonym of M. Rowel. This book has been published in most of the European languages, including English. Hr. Thisted was born in Jutland in 1815, and has been since 1862 parish priest of Tömmerup, in Zealand. He is the author of a long series of publications—novels, travels, and verses—under the pseudonym of Emanuel St. Hermidad. He also engaged in theological polemics, under again another assumed name, that of Herodian.

A QUARTERLY journal called Lincolnshire Notes and Queries, and devoted to the antiquities of that county, is to begin in January, edited by Mr. E. L. Grange, of Great Grimsby, and the Rev. J. C. Hudson, Vicar of Thornton.

An edition, apparently unknown hitherto, of the New Testament in English has turned up, and is in the possession of Mr. Toon, the well-known bookseller. It was printed at Dort by Canin in 1601, "at the expensis of the aires of Henrie Charteris & Andrew Hart, in Edinburgh." It registers in eights, and it is very small, only 3½ by 1½ inches. Canin printed an octavo Bible for Charteris & Hart in 1601, and an octavo New Testament in 1603, both much larger than this volume and having a commentary on the margin.

THE chief Parliamentary Papers of the week are Crofters' Holdings, Scotland, Second List of Parishes; Prisons Commissioners, Report for 1886-7; Soldiers and Sailors, Civil Employment, Return; East India, Sanitary Measures in 1885-6, and miscellaneous information to June, 1887; East India, Statistical Abstract, 1876-7 to 1885-6; and Trade and Navigation Accounts for September.

SCIENCE

A Monograph of the Genus Crocus. By George Maw, F.L.S. With an Appendix on the Etymology of the Words Crocus and Saffron by C. Lacaita, M.P. (Dulau & Co.)

Abboard professors and those holding official positions form the class by which most research is effected. In this country no slight share is undertaken as a labour of love by amateurs. The present monograph is an

excellent instance in point. Few, if any, persons holding public appointments would have been able to produce such a work. A glance at its pages suffices to show that we have here the results not only of study in the herbarium, library, and laboratory, but of frequent journeys into foreign lands, of careful observation of the plants as they grow in their native countries, and more particularly of the way in which they comport themselves under cultivation.

By growing the plants and observing them at all stages of their growth their life-history can be more effectively studied than by any other means, while at the same time a juster opinion may be arrived at as to their degrees of kinship, and a clearer perception of their affinities with other plants obtained, than can be otherwise secured. The preparation of a comprehensive monograph is, to use a hackneyed phrase, a liberal education in itself. It necessitates research, comparison, and judgment. It demands a knowledge of botany, of physiology, of chemistry, of meteorology, of physical and topographical geography, of theoretical and practical horticulture, while even philology and the literature of various countries supply collateral information which must be duly weighed.

Mr. Maw has brought all these subjects to bear on his monograph of the genus Crocus, and the result is that his work, for comprehensiveness of treatment and accuracy of detail, has few rivals and still fewer superiors. The geographical limits of the genus extend roughly from Spain in the west to Afghanistan on the east, and from the Ala-tau Mountains and Afghanistan in the north to Syria and Palestine in the south. The headquarters of the genus—the region in which the greatest number of species occurs—comprise Spain and Greece, the Archipelago, and Asia Minor. Repeated journeys within this area and an extensive correspondence with residents and travellers have enabled Mr. Maw to study in person almost all of the species, and, as has been said to grow them

said, to grow them. After some introductory chapters devoted to the consideration of the life-history of the plants, their classification, geographical distribution, history, literature, and cultivation, Mr. Maw proceeds to give detailed particulars of each separate species, bibliographical references, and also coloured illustrations showing the plant as a whole, together with such separate details as are necessary to enable the student to ascertain the points of difference and of resemblance between the several species. Nothing, in fact, seems to have been passed over, except the minute micro-scopical anatomy of each organ. This would, of course, demand a volume of itself; but in view of the very remarkable differences in the microscopic anatomy of the leaves as here figured, it is to be expected that corresponding differences, though less in degree, also exist in the more minute anatomical details. The plates, sixty-seven in number, are capital specimens of botanical drawings, with no striving after artistic effect, but impressing the reader at once with a sense of their accuracy and fidelity to nature. In addition to these coloured plates there are several beautifully executed woodcuts, illustrative of the local-

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ities in which the plants grow naturally. These woodcuts, which are the work of Messrs. Whymper and Dalziel, are mostly from original drawings by Mr. Danford, Sir Joseph Hooker, and others, and they form not the least attractive feature of the volume.

From the point of view of economic botany there is little to be said, except as to the matter of the dye known as saffron, once highly esteemed as a medicinal agent, but now fallen into disrepute. Saffron, however, has a history and literature of its own full of interest to the philologist. Evidence derived from these sources shows that the plant has been cultivated over a very wide area from time immemorial, and that while as little is known of its origin as of that of wheat, it would be difficult to point out any other plant whose name occurs in an equal number and variety of lan-guages. The folk-lore of saffron is thus of guages. The lock-tore of safron is thus of so great interest that many who are not botanists will appreciate Mr. Maw's pages for that alone. To those, therefore, who are concerned with the history of the words "crocus" and "saffron," the elaborate appendix furnished by Mr. Lacaita may be commended :-

"In the dead languages 'Crocus' and its "In the dead languages 'Crocus' and its allied forms alone occur; modern Eastern languages usually possess both, but 'Saffron,' of Arabic origin, is more usually and widely employed; in modern European languages Saffron has almost altogether supplanted Crocus, except in Gaelic and English."

The word "saffron," says Mr. Lacaita, offers no difficulties to the etymologist; it is easily traceable in Oriental, Slavonic, Latin, Celtic, and Teutonic languages. The epithet "crocus" is much more obscure, and we cannot pretend to follow the author in his search for the word in various Semitic, Oriental, and Celtic languages-from Hebrew and Sanskrit to Gaelic and Irish. Much of the difficulty arises from the same or a very similar name having been given to different plants, such as the safflower (Carthanus) or the turmeric (Curcuma), resembling the true saffron in little besides colour. After what has been said as to the scope of the book, it is almost needless to add that the work ends with an excellent index, though we miss a table of contents and a list of the illustrations. The author has been ably supported by the printer in the publication of this very thorough work.

ORNITHOLOGICAL BOOKS.

Bird Life in England. By Edwin Lester Arnold. (Chatto & Windus.)—This work consists, to some extent, of reproductions of articles contributed to such sporting papers as the Field, the Sporting and Dramatic News, Land and Water, Bell's Life, and others, to which are added—in what proportions we cannot say—some crude essays on bird life. We have no wish to be hard upon the author, whose notions upon sport and game-preserving, so far as we can understand them, appear to be sound; but the book abounds in errors of every description, and after reading it we feel quite inclined to endorse the expression of his opinion, "that not very much real learning for our guidance in the field is to be picked up in the hard and fast instruction of type." However, the entire work consists of only 325 pages, nearly one-sixth being taken up by a chapter on "Game Laws Abroad," based upon reports apparently taken from a Blue-book of so long ago as 1871. We do not know who is to blame, but on one page do not know who is to blame, but on one page

there are no fewer than seven mistakes in the spelling of names of places in four consecutive lines. On the other hand, the book contains an excellent article on "Grouse Moors and Deer Forests," by Mr. J. W. Brodie-Innes.

Report on the Migration of Birds in the Spring and Autumn of 1886. By Messrs. J. A. Harvie-Brown, J. Cordeaux, R. M. Barrington, A. G. More, and W. Eagle Clarke. Eighth Report. (Edinburgh, M'Farlane & Erskine.)—This eighth report of the committee reappointed by the British Association contains the results of observations at one hundred and sixty-two light stations in Great Britain, forty in Ireland, and five in Heligoland and other outlying places. It is satisfactory to see that the interest taken in the matter by the light-keepers is fully maintained, as shown by the nature of the schedules filled up and returned. Some of these are given at considerable length, and the raciness of the descriptions makes amends for a little prolixity; but in the report, taken as a whole, there is still room for condensation. One of the committee very properly suggests the desirability of one united report, instead of no fewer than five separate ones upon the various portions of the United Kingdom; and we trust that in future some plan may be adopted by which the significance and importance of each migratory movement may be ascertained at a glance. A com-plete summary of the results obtained would also add materially to the value of the report. As an instance of the utility of the observations made by the light-keepers it may be mentioned that a number of unusual occurrences are re-corded which would otherwise have escaped notice, such as one of that rare straggler from Asia, Phylloscopus superciliosus, taken at Sum-burgh Head, Shetland; the American redwinged starling at the Nash, near Cardiff; and the second Irish specimen of the wryneck and the pied flycatcher. Another very rare visitor to Ireland is the greater spotted woodpecker, of which no fewer than four examples are recorded for 1886. In fact, the report on the Irish coast is unusually good, although a smile is naturally provoked by finding bats included in "List of Birds Noticed."

GEOGRAPHICAL PUBLICATIONS.

The Teaching of Geography: Suggestions regarding Principles and Methods, for the Use of Teachers, by Archibald Geikie, LL.D., F.R.S., Director-General of the Geological Survey (Macmillan & Co.), which forms the introductory volume of "Macmillan's Geographical Series," is well written, and likely to interest and even to instruct some of the less experienced teachers, but it is for all this an unsatisfactory book. The author clearly has no full grasp of his subject. The ideas, hints, and suggestions which he conveys are rarely original, having for the most part been borrowed from papers and dismost part been borrowed from papers and discussions only recently published, and thus still fresh in the reviewer's memory. The author defines geography as dealing "more specially with the earth as the dwelling-place of man," and asserts that "geography, though it may not claim to be itself a distinct science, is based upon the work of many sciences." This is only what might be expected from a geologist, and has been stated almost in these precise words over and might be expected from a geologist, and has been stated, almost in these precise words, over and over again. The "general principles" enunciated should meet with acceptance, but the notes on appliances should be read with caution, and a worse selected list of "Books of Reference" than that given on pp. 46–52 it has rarely been our lot to meet with. Quite one-half of the volume is devoted to an able exposition the volume is devoted to an able exposition of what the Germans call "Heimatskunde." a term not very felicitously rendered "Geography of the School Locality." The concluding chapters deal with the more advanced teaching of geography-very inadequately, as we conceive.

The Realistic Teaching of Geography, by William Jolly, F.R S.E. (Blackie & Son), is an

expansion of a lecture delivered under the auspices of the Scottish Geographical Society. It is an excellent treatise, abounding in hints which our teachers should take to heart.

Longmans' Shilling Geography (Longmans & Co.) is a text-book of the approved old type, containing the usual "definitions," a wonderful number of names, and a good many small maps printed in the text. A few chapters on physical geography are appended. It is a good book of its kind.

The First Reader for Standard I., which forms part of "Longmans' New Geographical Readers," is clever in its way. Future generations may possibly wonder at the manner in which geography was taught towards the close of the nineteenth century in the schools of England.

The Uncrowded Atlas of Political Geography, by T. Ruddiman Johnston, F.R.G.S., fully justifies its title. It is stated to have been "specially prepared for school use," and to "give in each map only the geographical information scholars should possess—no more."
Mr. Johnston's notions of the requirements of teachers and scholars are, to say the least, peculiar. We might put up with the absence of such names as Wrekin and Leith Hill on the map of England; of Augsburg, Mannheim, and other towns on the map of Germany; with the omission of the Falls of Schaffhausen whilst those of the Handeck are given; but we certainly cannot recommend an atlas of twenty-four maps which absolutely ignores the existence of the United States and of such places as New York and Washington.

Commercial Geography, considered especially in its Relation to New Markets and Fields of Production for British Trade, by Kenric B. Murray (Edinburgh, T. C. Jack), is disappointing. Its author labours under the strange delusion that he is the first who has undertaken to supply a "definition of the scope and meaning of commercial geography," which he terms "the science or study of the economic distribution of commercial products in undeveloped countries." A definition is in all cases a serious matter, and we need hardly point out that the author has been singularly infelicitous in the present instance. gularly infelicitous in the present instance. His little book can hardly claim to be described as a "commercial geography" at all, for of "geo-graphy" there is very little in it. The whole of Europe (with the exception of Turkey), the United States, Peru, Venezuela, Columbia, and numerous European colonies, are excluded alto-cother, on the ground, we presume of these gether, on the ground, we presume, of those being "developed" countries. On the other being "developed" countries. On the other hand, Canada, Australia, and other British colonies are included. This is hardly consistent. The book undoubtedly contains useful information, but it is capable of much improvement, and it certainly fails to give an adequate idea of the subject it professes to deal with.

MR. ROBERT HUNT, F.R.S.

EARLY last Monday morning there passed quietly away, at his residence in Chelsea, one who had actively employed his pen in the service of science for nearly half a century. Mr. Robert Hunt had reached the ripe age of eighty, having been born at Devonport on September 6th, 1807. Equipped with only a slender education, he came to London before he was thirteen years of age, and, having secured an engagement as assistant to a medical practitioner at Padding-ton, rapidly acquired a knowledge of pharma-ceutical chemistry. After a time he became the pupil of a physician in the City of London, and while in that position was brought under the notice of Henry Hunt-well known in his day as "Radical Hunt"—who, struck by the intelli-gence of the lad, directed his literary studies and took a kindly interest in his progress. In consequence of illness young Hunt was induced to seek change of scene, and returning to the west of England undertook a walking tour through the county of Cornwall, collecting with

eagerness the legends of the peasantry, and thus acquiring the materials which, augmented by subsequent research, enabled him many years afterwards to write his 'Popular Romances of the West of England'—a treasury of folk-lore, which reached a third edition in 1881.

While always retaining an ardent love for literature, Mr. Hunt was led in the early days of photography to undertake some experimental researches on this subject, for which he was prepared by his previous knowledge of chemistry. He thus laid the foundation of his scientific reputation. In 1840 he was appointed Secretary of the Royal Cornwall Polytechnic Society at Falmouth, and while there not only continued his studies in photography, but carried on, in conjunction with Mr. Robert Were Fox, some interesting researches on the electrical phenomena of mineral veins. Another subject which engaged Mr. Hunt's attention was the effect of magnetism on crystallization. From 1838, when his first scientific paper—'On Tritiodide of Mer-cury'—appeared in the Philosophical Magazine, he was a frequent contributor of original papers to that and other periodicals. Many of these papers related to photographic science, and among his discoveries in this department may be specially mentioned that of the use of ferrous sulphate as a developing agent. Mr. Hunt wrote a 'Manual of Photography,' which, being the first English work on this subject, acquired great popularity; and a few years later he brought out a volume entitled 'Researches on Tight.' Light.' In investigating the chemical action of light his attention was naturally directed to the highly refrangible rays of the spectrum, and it was he who first proposed the term actinism to denote the chemically active principle in solar radiation. Mr. Hunt also investigated the influence of coloured media on the germination of seeds and the growth of plants, the results of this work being communicated year after year to the British Association. It was mainly in recognition of such researches that Mr. Hunt was elected into the Royal Society.

In 1845, on the recommendation of Sir H. De la Beche, Mr. Hunt was appointed Keeper of Mining Records at the Museum of Economic Geology, in succession to Mr. Thomas Jordan. Three years later he published his well-known 'Poetry of Science'; and this was followed by a curious work entitled 'Panthea; or, the Spirit of Nature.' Living in the midst of the scientific activity of the metropolis, a man of untiring industry and of marked urbanity, he rendered valuable aid in connexion with the Great Exhibition of 1851, and also assisted in the organization of that of 1862. Among other labours which he accomplished was the preparation of some useful 'Handbooks' to these Exhibitions. When the Government School of Mines was established in 1851 Mr. Hunt had assigned to him the Lectureship on Mechanical Science—a position which he vacated, however, in the

course of a few years.

As Keeper of Mining Records Mr. Hunt's official time was fully occupied with the preparation of statistical reports on the progress of our mineral industries. His first returns were published as far back as 1847 in the Memoirs of the Geological Survey, and subsequently certain returns appeared in the Records of the School of Mines; but after 1853 they assumed the form of independent publications and were issued annually under the title of 'Mineral Statistics of the United Kingdom.' In 1883 the Mining Record office was abolished, and the Keeper retired from official life. It was in this year, when seventy-six years of age, that he published a voluminous treatise on 'British Mining.' Mr. Hunt's literary industry had already been well illustrated by his successive editions of Ure's celebrated 'Dictionary of Arts, Manuactures, and Mines.'

Connected with the mines of the west of England not less by his official position than by early associations, Mr. Hunt was led to take great interest in the education of the mining population, and had much to do with organizing the Miners' Association of Cornwall and Devon. During a long period of his life he was active as a popular lecturer on physical science, his fluency of language and geniality of manner contributing to his popularity. At the same time his pen was ever busy in laying before the public the results of scientific progress, as testified by his numerous articles in such periodicals as the Quarterly Journal of Science, the Popular Science Review, and the Art Journal. Even within the last few months he had been engaged in writing for the 'Dictionary of National Biography.' It remains to add that from 1841 until almost the day of his death Mr. Hunt was a valued contributor to the columns of the Atheneum.

ASTRONOMICAL NOTES.

The death is announced of Prof. Gustav Kirchhoff, who was born at Königsberg in 1824, but made at Heidelberg (in conjunction with R. W. Bunsen) those discoveries in spectrum analysis which have practically created a new branch of astronomy, and made it possible to study the chemistry of the heavenly bodies. Kirchhoff's first scientific paper was published in 1845, "on the passage of an electric current through a plane, especially through one of circular form"; his first memoir on Fraunhofer's lines appeared in 1859. In the history of this subject it must not be forgotten that Plücker of Bonn in that same year discovered that every kind of gas has its own determinate spectrum. The great discovery of Kirchhoff and Bunsen on the correspondence and conexion between the lines in the solar spectrum and those in the spectra obtained from incandescent terrestrial substances was made in 1860. With regard to Fraunhofer's lines themselves, a few of which were noticed by Wollaston in 1802, it was recently pointed out in the Athenœum (see notice of 'The Chemistry of the Sun') that it is very probable that some of these had been also seen by Newton.

The forty-first volume of the 'Radcliffe Observations' has been published, containing the results of the observations, both astronomical and meteorological, for the year 1884. A large number of star observations were made, the sun and the moon were regularly observed, besides several occultations of stars by the moon and phenomena of Jupiter's satellites. All the observations are reduced, and Mr. Stone has given in advance the mean errors of the longitude of the moon compared with those calculated from Hansen's Tables up to last year, in order to show the continuous increase in those errors, the value of which he finds to amount to 15".34 in 1886.

We have received the number of the Memorie della Società degli Spettroscopisti Italiani for July. The most interesting paper in it is a description of a great solar eruption which occurred on the 1st of that month, as observed at Archbishop Haynald's observatory at Kalocsa, in Hungary.

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The double star Σ 2398 is known to consist of two components of nearly equal magnitude (8·2 and 8·7 respectively), which are moving through space with a large common proper motion, which, according to the latest determination (Ast. Nach., No. 2676), amounts annually to about −0°·17 in R.A. and −1″·90 in N.P.D. About two years ago Dr. E. Lamp, of Kiel, made a determination of the parallax of the larger star by a series of comparisons with two neighbouring stars, extending from February, 1883, until the end of April, 1885. The result arrived at was a parallax amounting to 0″·34, with probable error ±0″·034. He has now published (Ast. Nach., Nos. 2807-8) a new investigation, derived from observations made between May 20th, 1885, and March 15th of the present year. In this he not only obtains a very satisfactory confirmation of his previous

result, but is able to show that the two components of the double star are at practically the same distance. For the principal star he finds the annual parallax 0".3520±0".0140; for the small star, 0".3548±0".0131. Considerable confidence, therefore, may be felt in a parallax of about 0".35 for both stars.

SOCIETIES.

TEACHERS' GUILD.—Oct. 17.—Mr. C. Colbeck in the cbair.—A paper was read 'On Teaching English Composition', by Miss G. Toplis, who urged the importance of teaching this lesson from a very early age, in order to prevent the inability which so many people feel of expressing themselves clearly in speech and writing; for this defect is due primarily to want of training when young. Little children could be best taught by means of story-telling, while their seniors should be carefully taught to give accurate narratives and vivid descriptions by means of lessons on well-known pictures or poems. Special intellectual faculties could be thus specially developed; and composition lessons should be valuable assistants in mental and moral culture.—Mr. Courlhope Bowen suggested that young children would find it more easy to draw with their pencil than by word of mouth or pen scenes which they were equired to describe.—Mr. Colbeck spoke of the value of paraphrasing exercises.

MOM. Royal Academy, 8.—'Anatomy,' Mr. J. Marshall. Trus. Photographic, 8.—'Anatomy,' Mr. J. Marshall. Fni. Royal Academy, 8.—'Anatomy,' Mr. J. Marshall.

Science Cossip.

WE have frequently had occasion to note the high average age at which men of scientific note die. Of the fourteen Fellows of the Royal Society deceased since last November, no fewer than six were above eighty years of age, and four more above seventy, while the rest, with one exception—that of the late Dr. Wilson Fox, who died at the age of fifty-six—were more than sixty. Admiral Denham and Richard Quain both died at the advanced age of eighty-seven, Sir Walter Elliot was eighty-five, and Dr. Hymers and Sir Joseph Whitworth were each eighty-four. The average of the whole fourteen was seventy-five.

Messes. Sotheran intend to issue in December a new work by Mr. Henry Seebohm on 'The Geographical Distribution of the Family Charadriidæ, or the Plovers, Sandpipers, Snipes, and their Allies.' It will form one volume quarto, and will contain about five hundred pages of letterpress, illustrated by about two hundred woodcuts. A limited number will be additionally illustrated by twenty-one plates drawn on stone and coloured by hand. The following subjects are treated at some length: the classification of birds, especially with regard to the position of the family Charadriide in the avian system; the evolution of birds; the differentiation of species, especially with regard to the hypothesis of physiological isolation propounded by Mr. Romanes; the glacial epoch, especially with regard to its influence on the Charadriidæ; and the tundras of Siberia and the fur countries of the Hudson's Bay Company, or the paradise of the Charadriidæ. A systematic account of the Charadriidee, its subdivision into three subfamilies and nineteen genera, with keys to the genera and species, diagnosis and synonymy of each genus, tables illustrative of the geographical distribution of the species which it contains, and a hypothetical sketch of the ancient routes of the emigration of their ancestors will be given.

Mr. GIFFEN'S address as President of Section F of the British Association at Manchester, on 'The Recent Rate of Material Progress in England,' will be published shortly in a separate form by Messrs. Bell & Sons.

Messes. Asher & Co. promise an elaborate volume in German on tattooing, by M. W. Joest, illustrated with original drawings, and endeavouring to explain "warum tätowiren sie die Menschen."

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THE Aristotelian Society, which has just published a small volume of Proceedings, commences its ninth session on November 7th, when Mr. Shadworth Hodgson will deliver an address 'On the Unseen World.' Among the papers to be read is one by Mr. Romanes 'On Darwinism in relation to Design,' and one by Prof. Bain 'On the Demarcations and Definitions of the Sub-

FINE ARTS

HARRY FURNISS'S Original Drawings, 'POLITICS and SOCIETY,'
Open Daily from 10 to 6.—Admission, One Shilling. Gainsborough
Gallery, 25, Old Bond-street. Lighted by Electricity at Dusk.

VERESTCHAGIN EXHIBITION, NOW OPEN at the Grosvenor Gallery, from 10 a m. to 10 p.m.—Admission, One Shilling; after 6, Sixpence.

THE VALE OF TEARS.—DORE'S LAST GREAT PICTURE, completed a few days before he died, NOW ON VIEW at the Dorf Gallery, 35, New Bond Street, with 'Christ leaving the Prestorium,' 'Christ's Entry into Jerussiem,' 'The Dream of Pilace's Wife,' and his other great Pictures. From Ten to Sit Daily.—Admission, iz.

NEW PRINTS.

MESSRS. OBACH & Co. have sent us vellum proofs from fine etchings recently produced after M. Meissonier's capital pictures 'Une Chanson' and 'Une Lecture chez Diderot.' The former, and 'Une Lecture chez Diderot.' The former, which now belongs to M. le Vicomte de Greffulhe, was painted in 1865, exhibited in 1884 at the Exposition Meissonier, Paris, and has been etched by M. Mongin. It represents the interior of a room, where, seated upon a table, with one foot raised upon a bench, a soldier of the seventeenth century accompanies his chanson d'amour with a guitar, while his comrade, sitting astride of the bench with a drinking-glass in his astride of the bench with a drinking-glass in his hand, stoops forward, and listens to the music with a critical air expressed with admirable power and a sense of humour which is not the less enjoyable because the man is evidently unqualitied to judge. The air of the singer is grotesquely laughable. The spontaneity of the design is worthy of the master who produced the picture. As in the picture, we think the bodies of the men are—a frequent shortcoming of the strikt—somewhat too small for their legs and artist-somewhat too small for their legs and artist—somewhat too small for their legs and heads. The draughtsmanship, modelling, tonality, and colour-rendering of the etching are first rate; the expressions could hardly be more justly translated. Of 'Une Lecture chez Diderot' it is only needful to say that it is rightly esteemed one of M. Meissonier's masterpieces. It was painted in 1859, and now belongs to the Baron Edmund of Botherid and was re arbibited along with de Rothschild, and was re-exhibited along with 'Une Chanson.' Six of Diderot's friends are assembled in his study, and a large bookcase forms the background of the work. Diderot, seated at a table with a book nearly upright before him, reads aloud with an absorbed expression, the vigour and charm of which are hardly surpassed by the attitudes and looks of his amused companions. So faithful and intensely spontaneous is the design that the visitor will feel himself forced to study with the utmost attention face after face, action after action, costume after costume, and to dwell upon the treatment of the light and shade, tonality, and chiaroscuro. When we say that M. Monzies's etching is, barring some lack of force and tone, simply perfect, we have said all it is needful to say. The expressions, attitudes, and costumes are all M. Meissonier himself could possibly desire in the translation of a work which he advisedly considers one of his best. While such fine things are produced we need not despair of the engraver's art.

fine-Art Cossip.

MR. WATTS has nearly finished a most pathetic, poetic, and attractive figure, of full human size, of a seated angel, holding in his lap, and bending tenderly over, the spirit of an infant, which, crowned with a golden halo, lies within the shadow of his great wings, and is supposed to have just parted with its mortal life. The

dominant in this picture's coloration is blue, but it is the blue of the firmament when surcharged with vapour and when the moon is shining. The artist has begun another version of his 'Love and Death,' and he contemplates yet another picture, which is intended to depict the violent struggle of mortal Love and his con-queror Death. Mr. Watts, who will shortly start for Malta, where he proposes to pass the winter, will take pictures with him which he hopes to complete for the next Royal Academy Exhibition. He has completed a delightful portrait of his wife.

AT a special general meeting of the Graphic Society, held on the 12th inst., it was resolved to admit a limited number of female artists as The election of new members is appointed for the general meeting in November

Messes. Downeswell open their new galleries at 160, New Bond Street, to day (Saturday), with an exhibition of drawings by Mr. Charles Gregory, entitled "Summer Time on the South Coast—from Rye to Penzance." There are sketches made at Rye, Lyme Regis, Corfe Castle, Branscombe, Polperrow, Helford, Newlyn, and near the Lizard.

THE four score drawings collectively and affectedly styled "The Sunny South," now on view in the gallery of the Fine-Art Society, are the work of a young and little-known artist, Mr. G. Q. P. Talbot, and the larger number of them illustrate the Riviera, Lake Leman, and Algiers. Executed with much refinement and taste, they, even when least robust and solid, never fail to be agreeable and attractive. Brilliant, deftly be agreeable and attractive. Brilliant, deftly drawn, and pure in colour, they contain much good workmanship, while a few possess sentiment and graceful art. Among the best is No. 3, 'A December Sunrise, from Mustapha, Algiers,' where the perspective of the curves of two little sandy bays and the grave splendours of an evening effect, its fading sky and shining sea, are given with rare felicity as well as a just feeling for air and tone. 'The Coast of St. Honorat, Cannes' (12), is a charming drawing, not without dignity, full of light, tender, and effective. It consists of a picturesque mass of pines in sunlight, a rippling sea and mass of pines in sunlight, a rippling sea and rocky coast. With these should be reckoned the delicate and pleasing 'Snow at Sunset' (14), with its vista of calm waters, and, high above all, a gigantic group of whitened peaks which the lake reflects perfectly. 'An Eastern Lamp' (20) is a first-rate specimen of draughtsmanship, and shows a Turkish lantern of brass, elaborately perforated with inscriptions and arabesques of great spirit and beauty. In colour, as well as in drawing and delineation of the contours as influenced by varied illumination, this is a capital specimen of the sort of technique which the lessons of Mr. Ruskin—whose loyal follower Mr. Talbot is said to be—are intended to promote, if not to render indispensable. It is far better than 'Persian Armour' (41), a casque, camail, and hauberk; for while the helmet is first rate in the same way as the lantern, the mail is laboured rather than fine and solid. Few things are so difficult to draw and paint as mail, which requires tenacity and a hand stronger and more under command than Mr. Talbot's. 'Cannes' (24), houses and a curving street in sunlight, shows good outlining. We admire the 'Ruins of Sta. Croce, on the old Cornice Road, Alassio' (23), a curving road, an arch gateway opening on the sunny evening sky, and an ancient fortress in misty twilight. Morning Mist from Montreux' (39) is a picture of noble snow-clad mountain tops above the vapours of the lake.

Messes. Bousson, Valadon & Co. invite visitors to a private view, to be held in their gallery to-day (Saturday), of drawings by members of the Dutch Water-Colour Society.

chamber, school of art, and other apartments, at the cost of the ratepayers.

THE four days' tour of the Leland Club came to a successful close at Mayfield Palace on Tuesday last, to which the visitors were admitted by the religious community now occupying it.

On Tuesday a loan exhibition was opened at Gosport. The Queen has sent five modern pic-tures from Osborne; and there is a collection of the pictures of the late George Cole, father of Mr. Vicat Cole.

It is rumoured in Paris that a certain picture dealer, into whose hands has fallen the well-known group, by Herr Ludwig Knaus, of the family of the late "roi des chemins de fer," Herr Strousberg of Vienna, conceived the brilliant idea of cutting the canvas into pieces, each to include a single figure, so that he may realize more profit than the picture intact can ensure to him. It is added that one of the children of Herr Strousberg has offered 10,000 marks to save the picture berg has offered 10,000 marks to save the picture from this strange, but by no means unique or original operation. One hundred and eighty thousand marks is said to have been paid to the painter for the group. Our readers will remember that a masterpiece by A. Cupp, called 'A View of Dort,' the property of Mr. Holford, which had been cut in half, was No. 75 at the Academy Winter Exhibition of this year.

THE French journals report the serious illness of M. Louis Gallait, who suffers greatly from an attack of pneumonia. M. Gallait is seventy-eight years of age.

THE French authorities at Tonkin are sending home the very ancient and richly sculptured gates of a pagoda at Lao Kaï, which, when they reach Paris, it is proposed, pending arrangements for their exhibition at the Louvre, to show to the public in the Palais de l'Industrie under the charge of the Union Centrale des Arts

M. QUANTIN will shortly publish the long-promised 'Dictionnaire de l'Ameublement et de la Décoration depuis le XIII° Siècle,' upon which M. Henry Havard has been engaged during more than ten years.

THE annual exhibition of oil paintings and water colour drawings now open at Constanti-nople is this year held in the Imperial Museum. It has become an established institution.

It is said that the art exhibition at Venice has closed with a deficit of 200,000 francs. "The painters have done but a bad business, for very few pictures have been sold." Exhibitors seem not to have fared much better at the Milan Brera. Three days before the closing of the exhibition only eighteen works of art had been

MUSIC

THE WEEK.

Norwich Festival.—Signor Mancinelli's 'Isaias.' St. James's Hall.—Josef Hofmann's Second Recital, CRYSTAL PALACE.—Saturday Concerts.

RESUMING the record of last week's festival, it is first necessary to say a few words concerning the miscellaneous concert of Wednesday evening. At one time the whole of the evening programmes were of a mixed description; but their character has gradually been improved, showing that progress is possible even in Norwich. The scheme now under consideration was as good of its kind as it could well be, consisting of four fine overtures and vocal pieces of the highest class. Among the latter were two new compositions, 'The Holy Vision,' a sacred song for tenor, by Gounod, sung by The authorities of Newcastle-upon-Tyne have agreed to expend 12,000l. in erecting buildings to contain a free library, assembly room, council

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are strongly characteristic of their composers, and being interpreted in the ablest manner they were well received. Nothing else in the programme calls for remark in this

place.

Considerable curiosity appeared to be felt in the production of Signor Mancinelli's cantata 'Isaias' on Thursday, the attendance being not only far larger than on the previous morning, but considerably above that of the corresponding day three years ago, when 'The Rose of Sharon' was produced. The Italian musician enjoyed no previous reputation as a composer in this country, but it seems that the choir had conceived a favourable opinion of his work, and this evidently counts for much in Norwich. Every musical amateur will rejoice if the fitful signs of a new renaissance in the art of composition in Italy take definite form, and 'Isaias' shows that in Signor Mancinelli we have a composer possessed of the powers necessary for helping along the movement. He does not seem to have accomplished much up to the present time, but he is still comparatively young, and the Norwich cantata is so full of promise that very much may be hoped for from him in the future. The plan of the work is to some extent novel, but it is absurd to speak of the non-Biblical matter introduced as a daring innovation. A reference to the plots of Handel's oratorios will show that in several of them imaginary characters are introduced for the purpose of providing some love interest or a sufficient number of solo parts. The embassy of the maidens of Jerusalem to the camp of the Assyrians is merely one of many Talmudic legends which offer admirable scope for musical treatment, and the present librettist, Signor Giuseppe Albini, has woven it very deftly into the Scriptural narrative. The original text of his book is in Latin, and the English version is by Mr. Joseph Bennett, who, however, it is understood, is not responsible for the extraordinary false accents which appear in the vocal score, these being merely errors of the printer. It is a curious fact that a composer who exhibits originality of thought in any direction at the present time is immediately spoken of as a disciple of Wagner. Signor Mancinelli has been so hailed, though, as it seems to us, on ridiculously insufficient grounds. There is certainly evidence to prove that he has studied the works of the Bayreuth master—as a cultured musician he would naturally do so; but to assert that he has adopted Wagnerian methods in 'Isaias' is distinctly untrue. It is not the mere use of leading themes which stamps a work as written under the influence of Wagner. The latter did not invent such use; his peculiarity consists in the development and re-presentation under always new conditions of such figures, and the simultaneous appearance of two or more of them. Nothing of this kind is to be found in 'Isaias'; there is really but one important motive, that connected with Isaiah himself, or rather with the spirit of prophecy which rests upon him, and it is never subjected to any serious modification. Further, while Wagner's orchestra is nothing if not polyphonic and independent of the voice parts, Signor Mancinelli follows Italian models, and piles up masses of sound, composed

mainly of counterpoint of the first species note against note. The ensembles which sound so imposing, and look so at a first glance, will be found on a cursory examination to consist of many doublings of parts in unisons and octaves. This is quite alien to the true Wagnerian procedure, but it is in accordance with that of modern Italy, and it would be fairer to say that Signor Mancinelli has developed the musical style of his own country than that he has endeavoured to engraft upon it that of another. The use of harsh intervals of melody and the wilful infringement of the elementary laws of part-writing are no more to be identified with the music of modern Germany than with that of France or England.

Thus far with regard to the groundwork of the new cantata; when we turn to consider its esthetic value we find much that calls for admiration. Those who are wedded to what may be termed the English traditional style of oratorio music may be disappointed, for the two scenes or parts resemble two acts of a modern grand opera with the choral portions lengthened, but not more elaborated than usual. Within these limits Signor Mancinelli has written some exceedingly beautiful music. The opening movement for the women in the Temple is solemn and impressive, and the chorus of elders, who describe their insolent reception at the hands of Sennacherib, is a splendid declamatory piece. Both finales are worked up with full knowledge of effect, the first especially so. The melody is always sensuous and Italian, and the composer takes care to keep it prominent, even when the whole of his forces are engaged. The most grateful solo music is given to the two female cha-racters, Anna, Hezekiah's sister, and Judith, daughter of Isaiah. The prophet's part is mainly declamatory, and in the first part he has a solo occupying nearly twenty pages of the vocal score. This, however, is far from being merely dry recitative. It is written in a sort of free rhythm, and one episode, in which he speaks of the coming Messiah, is really fine. The music allotted to Hezekiah is not particularly agreeable, but Sennacherib has the most remarkable solo piece in the work, written in seven-four time. This classic metre has been used occasionally by modern composers, and it admirably serves to illustrate the convulsive accents of the sorely stricken king. In his orchestration the composer is brilliant and picturesque rather than subtle. Some of his devices are merely clap-trap, notably the scene of the destruction of the Assyrian host, which might have been penned by Liszt in his weakest moment, or by a week-kneed disciple of Berlioz. Imperfections allowed for, there is enough of merit and originality in 'Isaias' to render it very interesting on its own account, and also for the promise it exhibits of more equal and mature works to come. If will be most disappointing if Signor Mancinelli reposes on his first suc-cess, after the example of his countryman Boito. The performance, under the com-poser's direction, was on the whole commendable. Mr. Barrington Foote displayed unlooked for declamatory powers in the titular part, and Mr. Alec Marsh sang Sennacherib's air with expression as well as remarkable voice power. Madame Albani, Miss Lena Little, and Mr. Barton McGuckin

of course rendered justice to their respective parts. The choruses were sung with a certain amount of rude vigour, so far as regards the male voices, but the female contingent was weak and uncertain. Cherubini's rarely performed, but beautiful and masterly Mass

in c formed a very appropriate second part.

The remainder of the festival may be dismissed with the utmost brevity. On Thursday evening Dr. Stanford's 'Irish' Sym-phony and Sir Arthur Sullivan's 'Golden Legend' were performed under their respective composers' direction. On Friday morning the performance of the 'Messiah' served to display some of the younger vocalists in an extremely favourable light. Unless we are mistaken Miss Liza Lehmann, Miss Lena Little, and Mr. Alec Marsh will prove welcome additions to the ranks of oratorio singers. In the absence of a pianoforte it was wise to accompany the recitatives on the organ; but, on the other hand, the absurd whispering of the chorus in "For unto us" is a relic of barbarism which it is surprising Mr. Randegger elected 'Faust' on the same evening was, on the whole, the best of the week. The choir, greatly exercised by the severe criticism to which it had been subjected, sang with a good deal of spirit, though the tone was rather thin and harsh. Miss Annie Marriott was extremely sympathetic as Marguerite, Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Santley were, of course, excellent as Faust and Mephistopheles, and Mr. Brockbank was commendable as Brander. The orchestra was more than usually good; indeed, we never remember to have heard the instrumental movements more finely played. For this result, as well as for much of the artistic success of the festival, Mr. Randegger deserves hearty praise. For the third time he has fully justified the confidence reposed in him, and no one who was present would desire to see the duties of conductor placed in other hands.

With regard to the general results of the week it is impossible to repeat the terms of almost unqualified congratulation we employed three years ago. The policy of the committee in depending solely upon Italian committee in depending solely upon Italian composers for novelties has not been justified by the event. 'Isaias' was worthy of a hearing, but Signor Bottesini's 'Garden of Olivet' had no right in a festival programme, and its acceptance was doubly unfortunate, as the slight falling-off in the total attendance was more than accounted for by the extremely small audience on the Wednesday morning. Another matter that has been much discussed is the alleged inefficiency of the choir. No doubt some of the remarks made upon its demerits were too severe; but it is certain that on some occasions there was much left to desire. A few years ago the necessity for reform was admitted and acted upon, as our record of the last festival fully shows. There has been a retrogression, the performances last week having been marked by singular inequalities. A few numbers would go fairly well and then something wholly discreditable would occur, in the way of flatness, missed entries, or utter disregard of light and shade. It would be absurd to blame the Norwich amateurs because they do not possess the physique of Yorkshire singers;

but precision in attack and observance of the nuances have nothing to do with voice power, and it was just in these matters that the performances were below festival mark. The organ had to be used in some of the unaccompanied pieces to prevent loss of pitch, and the concluding bars of the first finale in 'Isaias' had to be omitted because a semi-chorus of ladies proved itself quite unequal to the task of rendering them properly. Throughout the week the sopranos were lamentably weak, and before the next festival their ranks should be subjected to searching revision, and recruits selected from the best available material. If other considerations than vocal ability are still permitted to prevail in the choice of members, the result can be only to make the Norwich Festival a byword and a reproach.

St. James's Hall was crowded to its utmost capacity, money being refused at the doors, last Saturday afternoon, on the occasion of Josef Hofmann's second recital. It is by no means surprising that the interest he excites should continue unabated, for it is the simple fact that no such musical prodigy has appeared during the present generation, nor even, with the possible exception of Charles Filtsch, who died at the age of fourteen, during the present century. His performance on Saturday gave fresh proof of his wonderful powers. The programme included Mozart's Sonata for two pianos, in which he was joined by his father; Beethoven's so-called 'Moonlight' Sonata; Mendelssohn's Rondo Capriccioso; Liszt's arrangement of Weber's Polacca in E; and smaller pieces by Schumann, Chopin, Schytte, Ravina, and Rubinstein. Most remarkable of all was his reading of Beethoven's sonata, a work requiring much more than mere technical accuracy, and of which scarcely another child of Josef Hofmann's age could grasp the artistic significance. His rendering of the opening adagio was full of genuine feeling, unalloyed by the least affectation or extravagance, and would have done credit to a pianist of any age. The second movement would, we think, have gained by a more moderate tempo, but the finale was wonderfully played. though a few passages had to be modified to suit the performer's small hands. The two pieces by Schumann—the second of the first series of the Paganini Études, and the 'Vogel als Prophet' - were exquisitely given, as also was Chopin's Nocturne in E flat; while the same composer's Valse in n flat suffered by being taken at an almost impossible speed. Here the youthful player's enthusiasm appeared to run away with him. Another striking performance was that of Weber's Polacca, the orchestral part being played on a second piano by Josef's father. The recital as a whole was a marvellous display, fully equal in merit to any of those which had preceded it.

When Herr Waldemar Meyer made his first appearance at the Crystal Palace six years ago he could not claim high rank as a violinist, but he has greatly improved, and last Saturday he displayed such fine tone and excellent mechanism in Vieuxtemps's filmsy Concerto in D minor, No. 4, that we should be glad to hear him in some work of higher merit. Vieuxtemps's concerto, like the music of the Belgian virtuoso generally, is a brilliant show piece, but its intrinsic

value is very small. The new suite of ballet airs by Mr. Goring Thomas, which was announced as "first time of performance," proved to be the same as that which was introduced at Cambridge on June 9th last (Athenœum, No. 3112). They are three piquant little movements in the style of Delibes, which appears to be the composer's favourite model. The other orchestral works were the Overture to the 'Flying Dutchman' and Beethoven's Symphony in c minor. Mr. Barton McGuckin sang "Where sets the sun" from 'The Story of Sayid' and Lohengrin's farewell. Some extraordinary paragraphs found their way into the programme book, one being taken from a Norwich Festival book without removal of the local allusions; and another containing the statement that Mr. Cowen's 'Scandinavian' Symphony was produced at Cambridge in June last! It should, of course, have been the Symphony No. 5 in F.

Musical Cossip.

The promoters of the "Special Musical Services" commenced at the Princes' Hall last Sunday afternoon will only bring ridicule on themselves if they repeat the grotesque proceedings of the first occasion. The purely musical features were excellent; full justice was done to Mendelssohn's "Hear my prayer" and the 'Lobgesang,' under Mr. James Coward's direction, with complete orchestra, a small but efficient chorus, and competent principals. But the slovenly religious service was a great mistake, and must have given pain to some and excited the ridicule of others. Anything of the kind is quite unnecessary and out of place in a secular building. A more serious difficulty in the way of establishing Sunday performances is the law forbidding payment at the doors. Until this is amended we fear the new society has an almost hopeless task before it.

A SPECIAL concert was given at Covent Garden Theatre on Wednesday evening with a seated audience. Among the artists who appeared were Mr. Sims Reeves (who was in fine voice), Signor Foli, Miss Anna Williams, Madame Trebelli, Mr. Carrodus, and Signor Bottesini. The miscellaneous programme was very good of its kind, and the house was densely crowded.

WAGNER'S Symphony in c will be performed for the first time in England at the London Symphony Concerts, under Mr. Henschel, on Tuesday, November 29th.

Ir is announced that Dr. Chrysander is about to resume work upon his biography of Handel, and, it is hoped, to complete it. The first volume of the work was published in 1858, the second in 1860, and the first part of the third in 1867, since which date the publication has been suspended.

Wagner's 'Fliegende Holländer' was performed on the 9th of August last at the Politeama Theatre in Buenos Ayres, for the first time in that city.

The performances at Bayreuth next year are to take place between the 22nd of July and the 19th of August. 'Parsifal' is to be given nine, and 'Die Meistersinger' eight times. 'Tristan und Isolde,' it appears, is not to be performed. Prof. Brückner, of Coburg, and the historical painter Prof. Flüggen, of Munich, have undertaken the supervision of the decorations and costumes for the 'Meistersinger.'

A concerto in E minor, entitled 'Malédiction,' for piano, with accompaniment of stringed orchestra, has been discovered among the manuscripts of Franz Liszt. To-day was fixed for the unveiling of Liszt's statue at Bayreuth, and for the consecration of his mausoleum.

The deaths are announced of J. F. Pudor, director of the Conservatory of Music in Dresden; of Franz Jäger, principal tenor of the Stuttgart Opera; and of Frau Hedwig Willman, prima donna of the Opera at Stockholm.

DRAMA

THE WEEK.

TERRY'S THEATEE.—Opening: 'Meddle and Muddle,' a Comedietta in One Act. By Best and Bellingham.—Revival of 'The Churchwarden,' a Farce in Three Acts, from the German. Translated by Ogden and Cassell; adapted by E. Terry.

Seldom has a new West-End theatre been opened with fewer fanfares or with less assumption than the house in the Strand henceforward to be known as Terry's Theatre. Novelty, so far as the opening programme is concerned, was confined to a one-act farce with which the performance began. To this the strenuous and persistent efforts of Mr. Lionel Brough could not impart a semblance of vitality. So familiar, mean-while, was the pièce de résistance, that when Mr. Terry reappeared in his original character some difficulty was found in dismissing from the mind the impression that he had been acting in the same part and in the same house "all along." A new theatre, however, there is. It looks new, spick and span even, and cold, if a trifle gay, in interior decorations. The two distinguishing characteristics are the height of the auditorium and the great depth of the balcony and dress circle. The statements advanced concerning the precautions that have been taken against risk from fire, the facilities for exit, the fireproof nature of the edifice, and the danger of being drowned by some injudicious use of the water supply rather than incinerated in the course of normal risks, one must take on trust, with the fervid wish that the precautions, the existence of which we do not doubt, may never be tested.

Why actors elect to be managers, and take upon themselves the risks such coveted positions involve, is scarcely known of the public. One all-important reason is financial. When an actor obtains a position in which the terms he can reconcile himself to ask are high, they are in London scarcely to be obtained except in a theatre of which he has complete disposal. Few managements care to charge the house with more than two, or at the most three, first-class salaries. A man who plays first comedy at a theatre, moreover, likes to dispose around him, in the positions most suitable to his idea of a tableau in which he is the most prominent figure, the actors with whom he must of necessity be associated. We have not yet reached the ideal days once discussed, when a company would consist of "Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kean and a ballet." Vanity, of course, goes for much in these things, but interest is a scarcely less important agent. It is, at least, certain that under modern conditions actors such as Macready, Charles Kean, Fechter, Sothern, to mention those only who are dead, found it easier as well as more remunerative to provide for themselves than to accept engagements with managers who held that they were entitled to share profits with the star. Enough has, however, been said concerning a matter in which the public is only indirectly concerned, but by which, so far as it is concerned, it is

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In taking a theatre Mr. Terry has but followed the lead of other comedians, and he has set a good example in associating with himself a comedian such as Mr. Lionel Brough, whose hold on the public is little less firm than his own.

From the importation of Mr. Brough into the character of Mr. Bearder in 'The Churchwarden,' the representation gains in value. Mr. Terry himself plays Daniel Chuffy, the Churchwarden, with a quiet humour and an artistic reserve not common in low comedy. Mr. Terry's style is sui generis. He has no large measure of animal spirits, vitality, unction, or élan. He is, however, supremely droll, and his acting is one continual protest against the complications in which he is entangled. In presenting re-spectability compromised, and in showing a thorough appreciation of the sanctities he is compelled to violate, he has on the English stage no equal. Followed by a comic Nemesis, from the clutches of which he seeks vainly to escape, his struggles beget sympathy as well as amusement. These qualities are shown at their best in 'The Churchwarden,' and prove eminently diverting. Miss Clara Cowper plays the juvenile heroine of the farce with brightness, but scarcely seems to put her heart into it.

Bramatic Cossip.

'THE SENIOR PARTNER' is the title last assigned to Mr. Buchanan's forthcoming piece at the Haymarket, the rehearsals of which are in active progress. Some obligation on the part of the author to 'Fromont Jeune et Risler Aîne' has been mentioned. Lady Monckton will not, as was anticipated, take part in the novelty, the representatives of which are to be Mr. and Mrs. Beerbohm Tree, Miss M. Terry, Miss Achurch, Mr. Brookfield, and Mr. Kemble. At the Haymarket, meanwhile, 'The Red Lamp' has passed its one hundredth representation.

'FAIR PLAY,' a new comedy by Mr. H. A. Jones, is to be produced at a Vaudeville matinée, with a view to testing its fitness to replace 'Sophia,' whenever the run of that popular piece is over.

AFTER the withdrawal of 'The Churchwarden,' a comedy entitled 'The Woman-Hater,' which has been played in the country, will be given at Terry's Theatre. A comedy by Mr. Pinero is also in preparation.

SADLER'S WELLS THEATRE will shortly open under the management of Mr. J. Arnold Cave.

MR. C. H. COLLETTE will appear to night at the Lyceum in 'Cool as a Cucumber,' in which he will play Charles Mathews's character of Plumper. 'The Winter's Tale' will follow.

'As in a Glass; or, His Double,' is the title of a farce by Messrs. G. H. Rodwell and C. Lauri, jun., produced at the Opéra Comique, in which Mr. Lauri, in the guise of a monkey, and Mr. J. F. Sheridan take part.

'THE STRANGLERS OF PARIS,' by Mr. Arthur Shirley, produced at the Surrey Theatre, is a version of 'Les Étrangleurs de Paris.' It furnishes opportunity for some fine acting by Mr. George Conquest in his usual style.

'In Danger,' a drama by Messrs. W. Lestocq and H. Creswell, to be given on Monday at Brighton, is, it is said, to be produced shortly in London at a morning representation.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—R. H. S.—A. G. L.—A. A.—P. S. —M. J. M.—H. M. T.—H. M.—received. D. M. T.—We cannot undertake to answer such questions. No notice can be taken of anonymous communications.

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